

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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Three signs that the world still needs Jesus...

I. People still suffer from spiritual _____.

Mark 8:1-10 During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 2 "**I have compassion for these people**; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat.

3 If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance." 4 His disciples answered, "But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?" 5 "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Seven," they replied.

6 He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and they did so. 7 They had a few small fish as well; he gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them.

8 **The people ate and were satisfied.** Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 9 About four thousand men were present. And having sent them away, 10 he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the region of Dalmanutha.

A. Our God is _____!

Mark 8:2a "**I have compassion for these people.**"

Psalms 86:15 But you, Lord, are a **compassionate** and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

Psalms 103:13 As a father has **compassion** on his children, so the Lord has **compassion** on those who fear him.

Psalms 116:5 The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of **compassion**.

Psalms 145:8-9 The Lord is gracious and **compassionate**, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has **compassion** on all he has made.

Matthew 9:36 When he saw the crowds, he had **compassion** on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

B. Only Jesus can _____!

Mark 8:8a "**The people ate and were satisfied.**"

John 6:35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."

Lesson#1- Only Jesus can compassionately satisfy your deepest _____.

II. People still stumble from spiritual _____.

Mark 8:11-13 The Pharisees came and began to question Jesus. To test him, they asked him for a **sign from heaven**. 12 He sighed deeply and said, "Why does this generation ask for a miraculous **sign**? I tell you the truth, no sign will be given to it." 13 Then he left them, got back into the boat and crossed to the other side.

A. Real faith never demands a _____; it always takes God at His word.

Luke 16:31 "If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." ,

B. Real faith comes from God's _____, not miraculous signs.

Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

John 4:50 "Go," Jesus replied, "your son will live." The man took Jesus at his word and departed.

Lesson#2- Real faith always takes God at His _____, not trusting in outward circumstances.

III. People still struggle from spiritual _____.

Mark 8:14-21 **The disciples had forgotten** to bring bread, except for one loaf they had with them in the boat. 15 "Be careful," Jesus warned them.

"Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod." 16 They discussed this with one another and said, "It is because we have no bread."

17 Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened?" 18 Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear?

And don't you remember? 19 When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?" "Twelve," they replied.

20 "And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?" They answered, "Seven." 21 He said to them, "Do you still not understand?"

A. Immature people _____ the good God has done.

Psalms 78:11 They forgot what he had done, the wonders he had shown them...

B. Immature people make bad _____ about God.

Proverbs 13:10a (AMP) Through pride and presumption come nothing but strife.

Lesson#3- If you assume God is mad at you, you are spiritually _____.
