

Slow Learners

Mark 8.1-21

1. The Disciples' "Groundhog Day"

vs1-10

- *another large crowd v1; 6.34*
with nothing to eat vs 1-4; 6.36
fed miraculously vs 6-8; 6.38-43
15 points of similarity
important differences too
- *what do you see here? vs 17-18*
a flashback?
Jesus alone can satisfy 6.34

2. The Pharisees saw Nothing, vs11-13

"see everything, perceive nothing"

- *they demanded a 'sign' – proof v11*
Jesus isn't into conjuring tricks –
he meets real needs v12
- *plenty of signs already given*
- for those with hearts to see them

John 6.30-31,14-15; 10.24-25,36,38

- **believing is seeing Ps 34.8; John 3.3
don't be left behind! v13**

3. The Disciples saw only the Physical vs14-21

preoccupied with forgotten food v14

- **beware of evil tendencies**
 - human traditions Mat 16.12**
 - hypocrisy Luke 12.1; Mk 7.6**
 - resentful grudges 6.19**
- **Jesus must be my master v34-35**
- **Jesus wants us to see clearly v26**
 - his true identity vs 27-29**
 - the Son of the Living God**
 - his death and resurrection v31**
 - its true significance**
 - his terms of discipleship v34-38**
 - true commitment**
 - his true glory 9.2-8**

What do YOU see?