October 20/Day 293

Matthew 16

Verses 1-4

- What could the religious men not discern?
- What kind of generation seeks a sign?
- Jonah was in the belly of the big fish for three days. Do you think this is the sign?

Verses 5-12

- This passage makes it clear that feeding the 5000 and feeding the 4000 were two separate occurrences. Some have said it was one event.
- Leaven is often used in Scripture as a picture of sin because it spreads. Of which leaven should the people beware?

Verses 13-20

- This is where Peter gets saved! He may have been following for some time, but this is the moment He perceives who Christ is, the moment Peter comes into the kingdom.
- Who does Peter say Jesus is? Christ means "anointed One", it is the Greek equivalent to the Hebrew word, "Messiah".
- How was Peter able to perceive this?
- The rock upon which Christ builds His church is that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Peter is not the rock on which the church is built. Jesus is the rock, the cornerstone, the firm foundation.
- What did Jesus warn the disciples not to tell?

Verses 21-23

- What did Jesus begin to show the disciples after the discussion about the rock?
- Peter meant well. He didn't want to lose his teacher, but what did Jesus say about Peter's perspective?

Verses 24-27

• What are the requirements of following Jesus? While salvation is a free gift, meaning we don't work to earn it, does salvation have a cost?

Verse 28

• This is not about future events; the Rapture or the Second Coming. Those who were standing there would witness the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

Mark 8

• This is Mark's account.

Verses 1-38

Luke 9:18-27

Verses 18-27

- This is the account of what we call the "Rich Young Ruler", though Scripture just says he was a ruler.
- What was the ruler's question?
- How did Jesus respond?
- Which of the Ten Commandments did Jesus leave out? To what did they pertain?
- What did Jesus know about him and what was important to him?
- According to what we've seen, does Jesus require all of us to leave everything behind? To some this may be material things, to others it may be relationships, and so on. He doesn't require us to sell all our things to follow Him, unless the things hinder us from following.

See you tomorrow.