

Understand your Bible

Suggested notes

Mark 8

What we will see in this chapter:

- Jesus feeds 4,000
- Jesus warning about false leaders
- Who Peter believed Jesus was
- Jesus revealed how he was to die
- Peter's rebuke by Jesus
- Jesus said what following him meant

1 Read the chapter

2 Questions to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes.

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Suggested notes
1 to 3	1. How long had the multitude stayed with Jesus and what did he say about it?	After the crowds had stayed with him for three days, Jesus said he had compassion on them because they had eaten nothing.
4 to 9	2. What did Jesus do?	He gave thanks for the loaves and broke them. He gave them to the disciples to give to the people. Then he did the same with the fish. He fed 4,000 and then sent them away.
10 to 12	3. What did the Pharisees want from Jesus and what was his response?	The Pharisees wanted a sign from him as a test. Jesus said he would not give them one.
13 to 21	4. How did Jesus prove that he was not worried about the lack of bread?	Jesus asked them to remember the number of scrap baskets they had collected after feeding 5,000 and 4,000 people.
22 to 26	5. What was unusual about how Jesus healed the blind man?	He only partially healed him initially. After the man told Jesus he saw men like trees, he put his hands on his eyes again and he then saw clearly.

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27 to 29	6. Who did Peter say Jesus was?	Peter confessed that Jesus was the "Christ".
30 to 33	7. What did Jesus then tell his disciples and why was Peter rebuked?	<p>Jesus told them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ not to tell anyone that he was the Christ ➤ he must suffer, be rejected and die ➤ he would then be raised from the dead <p>Peter was rebuked for not accepting Jesus' message.</p>
34 to 38	8. What did Jesus say about following him?	<p>Those who wanted to follow him needed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ deny themselves ➤ take up their cross ➤ not be ashamed of being followers of Jesus <p>When he comes, Jesus will be ashamed of those who are ashamed of him now.</p>

3 Related theme from v 31: *Why did Jesus die?*

Have a look at these verses which mention the death of Jesus and make a note of what the verses tell us.

Bible verse(s)	Suggested notes
Matthew 16 v 21	Jesus knew that he was to die a cruel death and be raised again.
Romans 5 v 8	Jesus Christ died so that our sins can be forgiven.
1 Corinthians 15 v 3	Jesus' death was foretold in the Scriptures.
1 Peter 3 v 18	Jesus being righteous died for us who are unrighteous.
Ephesians 5 v 2	Christ's loving sacrifice was to make us acceptable to God.
1 John 3 v 16	We should follow Christ's example in living our lives for the benefit of others.