

Friday, February 19

- 1) It's Friday Quiz Time!!
- 2) Seeking signs
- 3) Do you not yet understand?
- 4) Healing the blind
- 5) Who do you say that I am?

For Monday: Mark 9:2-8

Mark 8:11-13

Question: What are the Pharisees seeking?

Question: Where have we recently read about someone seeking a sign from heaven?

Compare Matt 16:1-4

Question: Look at the pericopes (remember those) around both stories? Is the order the same?

Question: What is the sign of Jonah?

Mark 8:14-21

Question: Do *you* understand?

Leaven

Leaven = yeast. Most of the time in the NT, leaven is something bad. This is probably because leavened bread was not acceptable for use in Temple sacrifices.

How does leaven work?

Question: What does Jesus mean with this metaphor?

Twelve and Seven

I know you guys know what twelve is for!

Seven is a little trickier. Seven is another popular Bible number, and one that almost always means something good or complete (7 days of creation). In this case, it *might* be a reference to the Gentile nations--there were 7 of them in Canaan when the Israelites first came. In that case, 12 is for Israel and 7 is for everyone else, indicating that Jesus came to feed the whole world.

Mark 8:22-26

Anything strange about this story?

Does Jesus mess up the first time?

Spit & laying on of hands: Sacramental nature--God works through things.

Mark 8:27-30

cf. Matt 16:13-20 (which is
what we'll actually read)

Cæsarea Philippi

Outside of the Jewish region of Palestine; a pagan city with a pagan temple because of a great spring that was there. Renamed by one of Herod the Great's sons in honor of Cæsar.

Son of Man

Occurs 192 times in the Bible; Jesus applies it to Himself 82 times.

Can mean just "human being"

But remember also that "Adam" means "man" in Hebrew, so "Son of Man" in Hebrew is the same thing as "Son of Adam"

Emphasizes the true humanity of Jesus