

Jesus Feeds Four Thousand

Matthew 15	Mark 8
	1 In those days, when there was a very great multitude, and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to himself, and said to them,
32 Jesus summoned his disciples and said, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days and have nothing to eat." [...]	2 "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have stayed with me now three days, and have nothing to eat.
32 [...] "I don't want to send them away fasting, or they might faint on the way."	3 If I send them away fasting to their home, they will faint on the way, for some of them have come a long way."
33 The disciples said to him, "Where should we get so many loaves in a deserted place as to satisfy so great a multitude?"	4 His disciples answered him, "From where could one satisfy these people with bread here in a deserted place?"
34 Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven," [...]	5 He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven."
34 [...] "and a few small fish."	
35 He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground;	6 He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground, [...]
36 and he took the seven loaves [...]	6 [...] and he took the seven loaves. [...]
36 [...] He gave thanks and broke them, and gave to the disciples, and the disciples to the multitudes.	6 [...] Having given thanks, he broke them, and gave them to his disciples to serve, and they served the multitude.
36 [...] and the fish. [...]	7 They had a few small fish. Having blessed them, he said to serve these also.
37 They all ate, and were filled. They took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces that were left over.	8 They ate, and were filled. They took up seven baskets of broken pieces that were left over.
38 Those who ate were four thousand men, in addition to women and children.	9 Those who had eaten were about four thousand. [...]
39 Then he sent away the multitudes, [...]	9 [...] Then he sent them away.
39 [...] got into the boat, and came into the borders of Magdala. ¹	10 Immediately he entered into the boat with his disciples, and came into the region of Dalmanutha.

¹ The "regions" of Magdala and Dalmanutha are identical. Archaeological excavations in Galilee show that the two villages were approximately 500 feet apart (Robin Ngo, "Has Dalmanutha from the Bible Been Found?" Biblical Archaeology Society, 20 September 2013, <https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/news/has-dalmanutha-from-the-bible-been-found/>).