

# Coming to the End of Yourself

Mark 8

## Main Points & Scriptures

Mark 8:1-10 - Background of Jesus' Conclusion

1. A crowd of four thousand went into the wilderness to hear Jesus. They were far enough out that after three days of listening to Jesus, they had exhausted their food, and according to Jesus, they would have fainted from hunger before they got home. How far would we go for Jesus and how long would we have stayed?
2. The crowd ran out of food but still remained without expectation of replenishment. They were hungry for the words of Jesus. For this, Jesus had compassion on them.

Mark 8:11-13 - Contrast Between Followers of Jesus

3. Jesus traveled to the area near Magdala by the sea of Galilee and Pharisees came to see Him. But they were not hungry for Jesus' words like the crowd, they were hungry for the spectacle of miracles.

The most devoted Christian, who willingly faces persecution or the loss of everything for Christ, is not the one who follows Jesus for what they will get, but the one who follows to know Jesus Himself.

Matt. 19:27-30

4. Jesus promised that whatever we give up for Him He will multiply back to us many times over.

Mark 8:34-38

5. All followers of Jesus must go through self-denial.
6. All followers of Jesus must go through self-sacrifice.
7. All followers of Jesus will eventually face forks in the road of following Christ. The greatest of these would be the fork of death for following Jesus or believing and spreading the Gospel. At this point, saving oneself is equivalent to denying Jesus and losing one's soul.
8. Stand up for Jesus in death and He will stand up for you in life eternal.