

V1 AFTER JESUS MIRACLES OF HEALING THE SICK AND FEEDING THE MULTITUDES HE IS MET BY THE PHARISEES AND THE SADDUCEES TWO OPPOSING RELIGIOUS PARTIES WHO HAD UNITED TO DISPROVE JESUS BY PUTTING HIM TO A TEST

THEY ASK HIM TO SHOW THEM A SIGN FROM HEAVEN JESUS IS GOD'S SIGN FROM HEAVEN GOD'S MESSIAH THE LAMB OF GOD WHO HAD COME TO TAKE AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD WHICH WAS UNBELIEF JESUS BEING THE ONLY SACRIFICE FOR SIN THAT GOD ACCEPTS

V2-3 JESUS REPLIES TO THEM WHEN IT IS EVENING YOU SAY IT WILL BE FAIR WEATHER FOR THE SKY IS RED AND IN THE MORNING THERE WILL BE A STORM TODAY FOR THE SKY IS RED AND THREATENING YOU KNOW HOW TO DISCERN THE APPEARANCE OF THE SKY BUT YOU CANNOT DISCERN THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

THEY COULD DISCERN THE WEATHER BY SIGNS IN THE SKY BUT THEY WERE UNABLE TO DISCERN THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES JESUS BEING THE MESSIAH SENT FROM HEAVEN THE SON OF GOD AND THE SON OF MAN THEIR REDEEMER

V4 AN EVIL AND ADULTEROUS GENERATION SEEKS AFTER SIGN MIRACLES DO NOT CONVINCED OF SIN OR GIVE A DESIRE FOR SALVATION LUKE 16:27-31 MIRACLES WILL GIVE CONFIRMATION WHERE THERE IS FAITH BUT NOT WHERE THERE IS UNBELIEF

BELIEVERS ARE NOT FOLLOWING SIGNS AND WONDERS BUT SIGNS AND WONDERS ARE FOLLOWING THEM THE PHARISEES AND THE SADDUCEES WOULD NOT BELIEVE THEREFORE THEY COULD NOT BELIEVE

THEIR FAITH WAS IN THEIR RELIGION TO SAVE THEM THEY SAW NO NEED FOR A SAVIOR THEY WERE TRUSTING IN THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR THEIR SALVATION AND NOT THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT GOD HAD PROVIDED FOR THEM

THEN JESUS SAYS A SIGN WILL NOT BE GIVEN IT EXCEPT THE SIGN OF JONAH MATT 12:38-41 JESUS DEATH BURIAL AND RESURRECTION WAS THE ONLY SIGN THEY WOULD BE GIVEN REVEALING HIS POWER OVER SIN AND DEATH

JOHN 8:12 JESUS IS GOD'S LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WILL NOT WALK IN THE DARKNESS BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE

THEN JESUS WALKS AWAY AND LEAVES THEM IN THEIR DARKNESS THEY REJECTED THE LIGHT THAT GOD HAD PROVIDED FOR THEM THEREFORE HE LEAVES THEM TO THEMSELVES

V5-7 THEN THE DISCIPLES COME TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SEA BUT THEY HAD FORGOTTEN TO BRING ANY BREAD AND JESUS SAID TO THEM WATCH OUT FOR THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES AND THE SADDUCEES THEY BEGIN TO DISCUSS THIS AMONG THEMSELVES SAYING HE SAID THAT BECAUSE WE DID NOT BRING ANY BREAD

V8-12 BUT JESUS AWARE OF THIS SAID YOU MEN OF LITTLE FAITH WHY DO YOU DISCUSS AMONG YOURSELVES THAT YOU HAVE NO BREAD DO YOU NOT REMEMBER THE FIVE LOAVES AND THE FIVE THOUSAND AND HOW MANY BASKETS FULL YOU PICKED UP OR THE SEVEN LOAVES OF THE FOUR THOUSAND AND HOW MANY LARGE BASKETS YOU PICKED UP

THEY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT IF THEY NEEDED BREAD JESUS COULD CREATE SOME HE WAS NOT WORRIED ABOUT BREAD BUT OF THE LEAVEN OF THE SADDUCEES AND THE PHARISEES JESUS WAS TALKING ABOUT THEIR TEACHING

JESUS KNEW THAT JUST LIKE LEAVEN HAS AN INFLUENCE ON BREAD THE FALSE TEACHING OF THE PHARISEES AND THE SADDUCEES HAD AN INFLUENCE ON THIS GENERATION OF JEWS THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE SAVED BECAUSE THEY WERE JEWISH AND THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS

THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS POINTED TO A SAVIOR ROM 2:29 BUT HE IS A JEW WHO IS ONE INWARDLY AND CIRCUMCISION IS THAT WHICH OF THE HEART BY THE SPIRIT NOT BY THE LETTER AND HIS PRAISE IS NOT FROM MEN BUT FROM GOD