

# The Savior's Sigh

**Mark 8:10-13**

# Narrative

- **The Antagonism of the Pharisees**
  - Jesus returns to Western Galilee, **vs. 10**
    - Pharisees dispute with Him, **vs.11**
    - Questioning, Testing, Tempting (**Matthew 4:1-10**)
  - Disputed with Him on several occasions
    - **Mark 2:1-12,15-17; 7:1-7, etc.**
  - The Demanded a Sign, **vs.11**
    - They had seen many miracles
    - Perhaps like with Joshua, **Joshua 10:12-14**



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## • Jesus' Response

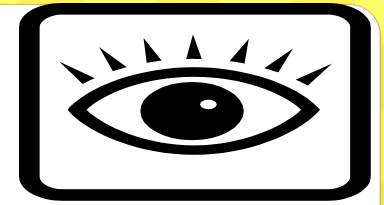
- He sighed deeply in His spirit, **vs. 8:12**
  - Deep anguish inside himself
  - “Spirit” similar to “heart”, His “inner being”
- Similar to past occasions
  - **Mark 3:5**, Jesus felt anger at the Pharisee's hearts when doing good on the Sabbath
  - **Mark 7:34**, While healing a deaf man
  - **John 11:33**, After raising of Lazarus
  - **Luke 19:41-44**, Wept over Jerusalem

# No Sign To Be Given, Except...

- **Mark 8:12**, “the Pharisees came forth...seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him. And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.”
- **Matthew 12:39-40**, “An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”



# Application



## Jesus Observes Our Behavior...

### ...As He did Saul

- **Acts 9:5**, Saul said, “*Who art thou, Lord? The Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.*”

### ...As He did the churches of Asia

- **Revelation 2:2,9,13,19**, “*I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience...I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty...I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not... I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan’s seat is...I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works*” (**Revelation 3:1, 8, 15**)

# Application

- **Jesus Found Fault Were Fault Existed**
  - **Revelation 2:4, 14, 20**, *“I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love...I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam...I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication.”* (Rev. 3:2, 16)
- **No fault found w/Smyrna or Philadelphia**

# Jesus Must Sigh Deeply When...

- **His Gospel is refused time after time?**
  - **Matthew 11:28-30**, *“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*
- **Our conduct resembles that of the world?**
  - **Matthew 5:20**, *“except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.”*

# Jesus Must Sign Deeply When...

- **Our love is no different than the world's**
  - **Matthew 5:44-48**, *Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you”*
- **God's kingdom is not our # 1 priority.**
  - **Matthew 6:33**, *“seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

# Jesus Must Sign Deeply When...

- **Our tribulations cause us to stumble**
  - **Matthew 13:20-21**, *“he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.”*
- **Materialism causes us to be unfruitful.**
  - **Matthew 13:22**, *“He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.”*

# Jesus Must Sign Deeply When...

- **Human traditions are allowed to supersede God's commands.**
  - **Mark 7:7-9**, *“in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do... Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.”*
- **When discouragement causes us to abandon prayer.**
  - **Luke 18:1**, *“men ought always to pray, and not to faint”*



# Conclusion Of The Matter

- **From the Savior's sigh we learn...**
  - He cared deeply for those willing to be healed
    - Deaf mute, etc.
  - He cared deeply for those willing to be saved
    - The Pharisees, etc.
- **In similar fashion, Jesus stands ready...**
  - To save us from our sins
  - To heal us of our souls diseases

**How does Jesus respond to you?  
Great Joy or a Deep Sigh**