

## THE STRUCTURE OF MARK 6-8

Prelude: Jesus rejected at home, but His **Kingdom** grows through the Apostles (6:1-13)

Introduction: The **death** of John the Baptist (6:14-29)

A. **Feeding of the 5,000** among the Jews (6:30-44)

B. **Crossing the Sea** of Galilee; testing the disciples' faith; healings (6:45-56)

C. **Controversy** with the Pharisees over what makes us unclean (7:1-23)

D. **Bread discourse** over who may partake (7:24-30)

E. **Healing** of the deaf and mute man (7:31-36)

F. **Confession of Faith** from the Gentiles (7:37)

A'. **Feeding of the 4,000** among the Gentiles (8:1-9)

B'. **Crossing the Sea** of Galilee (8:10)

C'. **Controversy** with the Pharisees over seeking a sign (8:11-13)

D'. **Bread discourse** over trusting Jesus to provide (8:14-21)

E'. **Healing** of the blind man in two stages (8:22-26)

F'. **Confession of Faith** from Peter (8:27-31)

Epilogue: Jesus teaching about His own **death** (8:31-33)

Postlude: How true **Kingdom** citizenship lives for the next world (8:34-38)

~ C.A. Hutchinson, with thanks to William L. Lane, *The Gospel of Mark (New International Commentary on the New Testament, Eerdmans, 1974)*.