

“How is it you do not understand?”

Matthew 16:5-12

“Then they understood that he did not tell [them] to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

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Why did Jesus give answers to questions His apostles did not know?

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Luke 7:1-10

- ▶ *“I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!”*
- ▶ 2 Timothy 1:13, *“Hold fast the pattern of sound words ...”*

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Mark 8:13-21

“So He said to them, ‘How is it you do not understand?’”

- ▶ *“Why do you reason among yourselves?”*
- ▶ ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HUMAN ANSWERS TO SPIRITUAL QUESTIONS?
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 2:1-5?

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Mark 8:13-21

- ▶ *“Do you not yet perceive, nor understand?”*
- ▶ WHY DON'T YOU MAKE NECESSARY INFERENCES?
- ▶ *“Is your heart still hardened?”*
- ▶ IS IT A HEART CONDITION?
- ▶ Unresponsive to the Word of God!

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Mark 8:13-21

- ▶ *“Having eyes, do you not see?”*
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
(Where are you looking for answers?)
- ▶ *“Having ears, do you not hear?”*
WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING FOR,
AND TO WHOM ARE YOU LISTENING?

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Mark 8:13-21

- ▶ *“And do you not remember?”*
- ▶ **2 Peter 3:1-6, SELECTIVE MEMORY?**
- ▶ Hebrews 5:12-14, “For though by this time you ought to be teachers ... those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

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University of Texas Line to Nowhere!

- ▶ I found myself standing in a line one day during fall registration at UT in Austin.
- ▶ I was tired, confused, and needed a place to put my books down and look at a map to find the next place where I was suppose to be.
- ▶ There was a long hall with many doors to offices in this one building, and they were Dutch doors with a ledge on every door.
- ▶ **“Why are you standing in this line?”**

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**“DO NOT JUDGE
ACCORDING TO
APPEARANCE, BUT
JUDGE WITH RIGHTEOUS
JUDGMENT.”** JOHN 7:24

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The Darkness Does Not Comprehend

- ▶ John 3:19-21, “Those practicing evil hate the light!”
- ▶ 1 John 1:5-7, You can be in fellowship with God, if you are walking in the light!
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 2:11-14, “Nor can he know them.”
- ▶ Romans 8:5-7, “for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be!”

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WHAT DID JESUS TELL THE PEOPLE?

“Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?”

“Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right?”

Luke 12:54-57

(BUT ISN'T THAT BEING JUDGMENTAL?)

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CONCLUSION

- ▶ **2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6,** “God who commanded light to shine out of darkness”
- ▶ **2 Corinthians 11:3,** “But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”
- ▶ *“How is it you do not understand?”*

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