

## The Red-Letter Words of Yeshua ~ Part 77

### Yeshua's Extensive Tour throughout Galil ~ Part 23

Our last post looked at **The Faith of a Woman from Kena'an**. This post explores **Yeshua Heals a Deaf-Mute** and the **Feeding of the Four Thousand**.

#### Yeshua Heals a Deaf-Mute

**Yeshua** leaves **Tzor** and **Tzidon** and returns to **Galil**. Wherever **Yeshua** went, He brought physical and spiritual restoration.

*<sup>31</sup> Then, He left the district of Tzor and went through Tzidon to Lake Kinneret and on to the region of the Ten Towns. (Decapolis)*

**Yeshua** preached far and wide to **Galilean** and **Judean Jews** and the remnant people of **Isra'el**, who by this time had resettled in the Hellenistic regions of **Tzor**, **Tzidon**, and the **Ten Cities**.

*<sup>32</sup> They brought Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment and asked Yeshua to lay His hand on him. <sup>33</sup> Taking him off alone, away from the crowd, Yeshua put His fingers into the man's ears, spat, and touched his tongue; <sup>34</sup> then, looking up to heaven, He gave a deep groan and said to him, "**Hippatach!**" (that is, "**Be opened!**"). <sup>35</sup> His ears were opened, his tongue was freed, and he began speaking clearly. <sup>36</sup> Yeshua ordered the people to tell no one, but the more He insisted, the more zealously they spread the news. <sup>37</sup> People were overcome with amazement. "Everything He does, He does well!" they said. "He even makes the deaf hear, and the dumb speak!" <sup>1</sup> <sup>30</sup> Large crowds came to Him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others. They laid them at His feet, and He healed them. <sup>31</sup> The people were amazed as they saw mute people speaking, crippled people cured, lame people walking, and blind people seeing, and they said a *b'rakhah* (blessing) to the God of Isra'el. <sup>2</sup>*

#### The Feeding of the Four Thousand

This passage presents the second mass feeding in **Mattityahu's Gospel**. This account mirrors **Mattityahu** 14:13–21. **Mattityahu** does not provide a location, but the parallel account in **Mark** 8:1–10 appears to be set in the **Decapolis**, a **Gentile** region (Mark 7:31).

*<sup>32</sup> Yeshua called His talmidim to Him and said, "**I feel sorry for these people because they have been with me three days, and now they have nothing to eat. I don't want to send them away hungry because they might collapse on the way home.**" <sup>33</sup> The talmidim said to Him, "Where will we find enough loaves of bread in this remote place to satisfy so big a crowd?" <sup>34</sup> Yeshua asked them, "**How many loaves do you have?**" They said, "Seven and a few fish." <sup>35</sup> After telling the crowd to sit down on the ground, <sup>36</sup> He took the seven loaves and the fish, made a *b'rakhah*, broke the loaves, and gave them to the talmidim, who gave them to the people. <sup>37</sup> Everyone ate his fill, and they took seven large baskets full of the leftover pieces. <sup>38</sup> Those eating numbered four thousand men, plus women and children. <sup>39</sup> After sending the crowd away, He got in the boat and went off to the region of Magadan. <sup>3</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> Mark 7:31–37.

<sup>2</sup> Mattityahu 15:30–31.

<sup>3</sup> Mattityahu 15:32–39.

In our next post, we will continue to examine **Yeshua's Extensive Ministry Throughout the Galil** when the **P'rushim Ask for a Sign**.