

**~DALMANUTHA (104)**  
**(Dal-ma-nu'tha)**

- **An area to which Jesus retired by boat with his disciples after the miraculous feeding of 4,000 men near the Sea of Galilee.**
- **In those days, when there was again a big crowd and they had nothing to eat, he summoned the disciples and said to them. (Mark 8:1)**
- **I feel pity for the crowd, because it is already three days that they have remained near me and they have nothing to eat. (Mark 8:2)**
- **And if I should send them off to their homes fasting, they will give out on the road. Indeed, some of them are from far away. (Mark 8:3)**
- **But his disciples answered him; From where will anybody here in an isolated place be able to satisfy these people with loaves? (Mark 8:4)**
- **Still he went on to ask them; How many loaves have you? They said; Seven. (Mark 8:5)**
- **And he instructed the crowd to recline on the ground, and he took the seven loaves, gave thanks, broke them, and began to give them to his disciples to serve, and they served them to the crowd. (Mark 8:6)**
- **They also had a few little fishes, and, having blessed these, he told them also to serve these. (Mark 8:7)**
- **Accordingly they ate and were satisfied, and they took up surpluses of fragments, seven provision baskets full. (Mark 8:8)**
- **Yet there were about four thousand men. Finally he sent them away. (Mark 8:9)**
- **And immediately he boarded the boat with his disciples and came into the parts of Dalmanutha. (Mark 8:10)**

- Though various sites have been suggested for **Dalmanutha**, the name is not referred to in other Biblical or non-Biblical sources, so its exact location remains unknown. Some scholars feel **Dalmanutha** may be a scribal alteration, since the parallel narrative at;
- Crossing country from there, Jesus next came near the sea of Galilee, and, after going up into the mountain, he was sitting there. (**Matthew 15:29**)
- Then great crowds approached him, having along with them people that were lame, maimed, blind, dumb, and many otherwise, and they fairly threw them at his feet, and he cured them. (**Matthew 15:30**)
- So that the crowd felt amazement as they saw the dumb speaking and the lame walking and the blind seeing, and they glorified the God of Israel. (**Matthew 15:31**)
- But Jesus called his disciples to him and said; I feel pity for the crowd, because it is already three days that they have stayed with me and they have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away fasting. They may possibly give out on the road. (**Matthew 15:32**)
- However, the disciples said to him; Where are we in this lonely place going to get sufficient loaves to satisfy a crowd of this size? (**Matthew 15:33**)
- At this Jesus said to them; How many loaves have you? They said; Seven, and a few little fishes. (**Matthew 15:34**)
- So, after instructing the crowd to recline upon the ground. (**Matthew 15:35**)
- He took the seven loaves and the fishes and, after offering thanks, he broke them and began distributing to the disciples, the disciples in turn to the crowds. (**Matthew 15:36**)
- And all ate and were satisfied, and as a surplus of fragments they took up seven provision baskets full. (**Matthew 15:37**)
- Yet those eating were four thousand men, besides women and young children. (**Matthew 15:38**)

- Finally, after sending the crowds away, he got into the boat and came into the regions of Magadan. ([Matthew 15:39](#))
- Has Magadan and certain ancient manuscripts of Marks account also use **Magadan** or **Magdala** instead of **Dalmanutha**. However, since the best Greek manuscripts do have **Dalmanutha**, instead of considering the term to be a textual error, it seems best to preserve the reading **Dalmanutha**.
- Possibly **Dalmanutha** was simply another name for **Magadan**, or it may have been a nearby area the name of which, though little used or not widely known, has nevertheless been preserved for us in Marks Gospel.