

Decapolis A confederation of ten Hellenistic cities (*decapolis* is Greek for “ten cities”) located primarily on the eastern side of the Jordan River to the southeast of the Sea of Galilee. Since ancient times, there has been some uncertainty as to precisely which cities made up the ten cities of the Decapolis, . . .



Abila of the Decapolis. One of the ten cities of the Decapolis, located to the east of Gadara. Abila consisted of an upper city atop a tel, and a lower city at the foot of the tel.



Ruins of the Decapolis city of Capitolias.

Baldwin Hills Baptist Church

Sunday July 2, 2023

Sermon Outline

“The Lord Feeds Four Thousand Men In The Decapolis!”

- *Matthew 15:32-38; Mark 8:1-9* -

(*Life of Christ Series*)

- I. THE LORD FELT COMPASSION FOR THE PEOPLE, MT. 15:32
 - A. He Had Compassion For People's Spiritual Needs, Which Were Eternal In Their Consequences, Lk. 19:10
 - B. He Had Compassion For Their Physical Affliction Which Often Were Lifelong In Their Effect.
 - He healed them, casted out their demons.
 - These were miracles which only God did.
 - C. Here He Had Compassion In Regard To Their Food, Which Sustained Them Day To Day, Cf. Mt. 6:11
 - He cares about the normal needs of our daily lives. Mt. 6:25, 30-32
 - 1. This great crowd had been with Him for three days and had not eaten, Mt. 15:32b
 - 2. He didn't want to send them back home without having eaten, for fear that they would faint on the way, v-32c; Mk. 8:3
 - D. God Is A Compassionate God!
 1. He introduced Himself to Moses as a compassionate God, Ex. 34:6
 2. The Son of God Himself states His compassion for this large crowd of people.