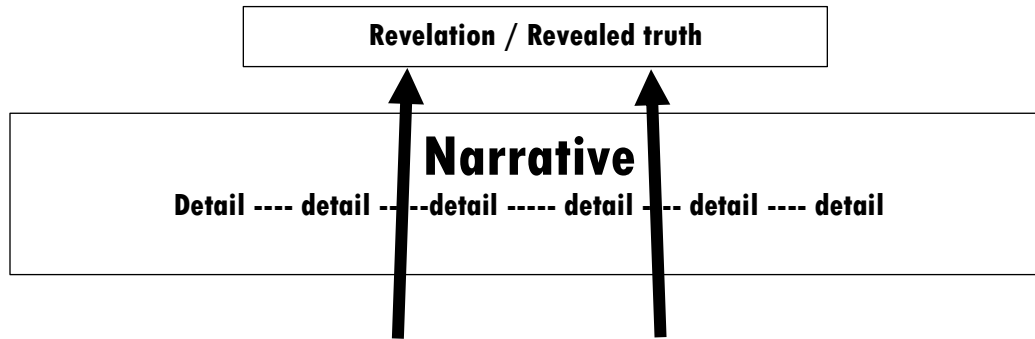


1. The power of narrative:



2. Cultural Details:

- Location
 - Feeding of 5000 happens in a Jewish area.
 - Feeding of 4000 happens in the pagan area (Decapolis)
- Numbers relate to the locations:
 - Feeding of 5000 - Jewish area - Land of the twelve (twelve tribes)
 - Feeding of 4000 – Gentile area – Land of the Seven (seven nations driven out)
 - *Gerushim* – the driven out; expelled ones
- Deuteronomy 7:1
- Acts 13:19
- Number 7 + Nations:
 - Table of Nations (Genesis 10)
 - Seventy Nations
 - “70 Faces of Torah”
 - The dynamic nature of the biblical text allows all humanity to get something out of it.
 - You can read the text in many ways, and all of them can be valid.

3. Numbers –

Feeding of 5000	Feeding of 4000
Jewish territory	Pagan territory (Decapolis)
2	
5	4
12	7
50	
100	

4. Read: **Mark 6: 35.43**

- Pay attention to the numbers

5. Read: **Mark 8:1-10**

- Notice the numbers that are present and the ones Mark makes ambiguous.

6. **Feeding of 5000 / Jewish Territory / Jewish Numbers**

Feeding of 5000	Jewish
2	2 Tablets
5	5 Books of Moses (Torah)
12	12 Tribes of Israel
50/100	Moses in Wilderness (Exodus 18:25)
	Moses/leaders judge over the people

7. **Feeding of 4000 / Pagan Territory / Pagan Numbers**

Feeding of 4000	Pagan
4	“Four corners of the earth”
7	7 Nations
	7 Completeness

8. Do you have “eyes to see?”

- Can we begin to glimpse what this is telling us about Jesus?
- Mark 8:17-21 –
 - Do we still not see?
 - If the disciples had a hard time “seeing,” then there is plenty of grace for us!!

9. **The Christ (Messiah) – the “King” is Bread for the whole world**

- Jews – yes
- Gentile – yes!