

fragments in 7 baskets. Now those who had eaten were about four thousand. And He sent them away, immediately got into the boat with His disciples, and came to the region of Dalmanutha.

The fourteenth Wednesday.
Mark 8:11–21

At that time, the Pharisees came out Jesus and began to dispute with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, testing Him. But He sighed deeply in His spirit, and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Assuredly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation." And He left them, and getting into the boat again, departed to the other side. Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat. Then He charged them,

saying, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have no bread." But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened? Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember? When I broke the 5 loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?" They said to Him, "12." "Also, when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragments did you take up?" And they said, "7." So He said to them, "How is it you do not understand?"

The fourteenth Thursday.
Mark 8:22–26

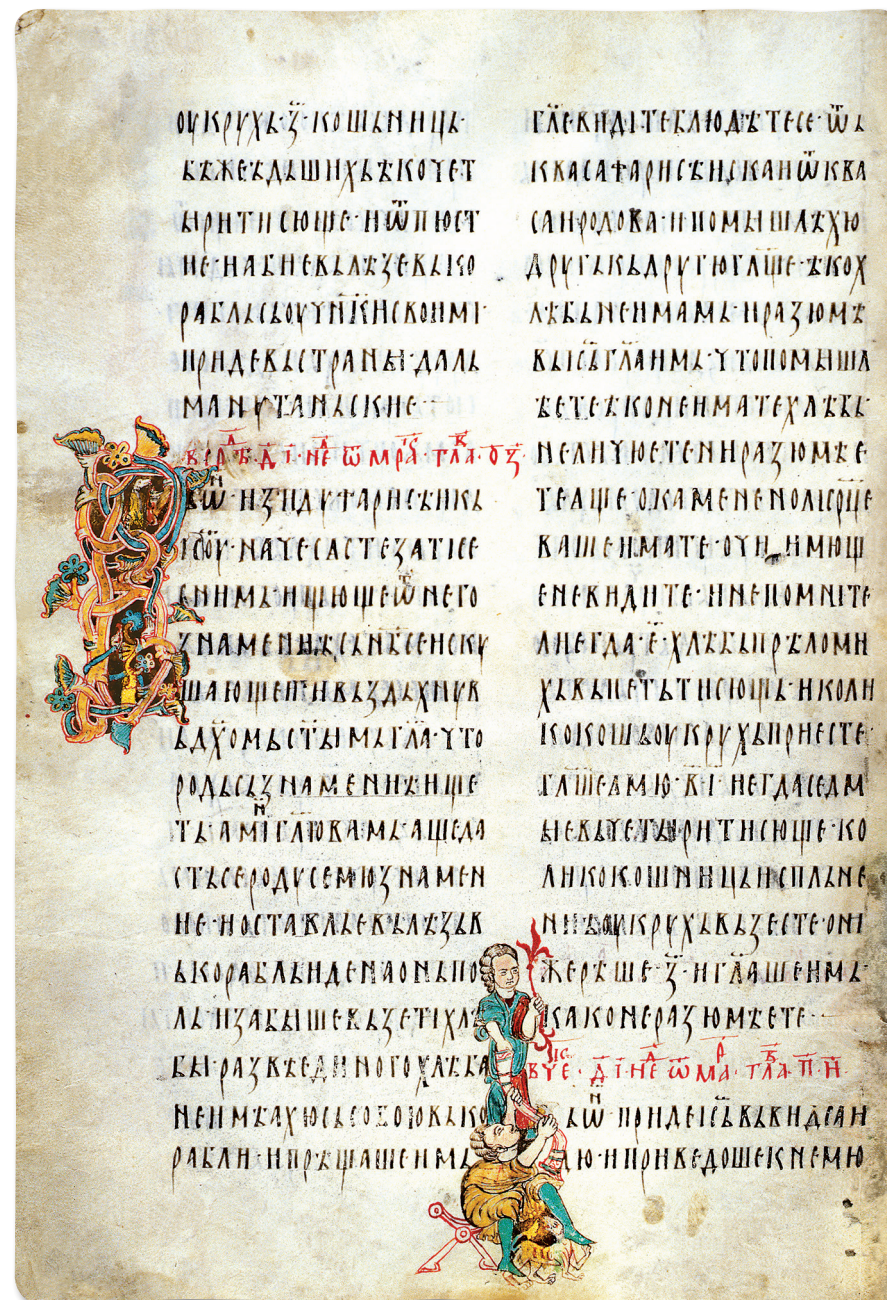
At that time, Jesus came to Bethsaida; and they brought Him

139. Letter V, p. 129 left, fol. 65 v, 118 mm

140. Letter V, p. 129 right, fol. 65 v, 121 mm

Mark 8:23–24: So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking."

N. P. Kondakov and L. Mirković thought that the personalities depicted are pouring from the horn of plenty. However, such an illustration would not be in line with the text,



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a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking." Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly. Then He sent him away to his house, saying, "Neither go into the village, nor tell anyone in the village."

The fourteenth Friday. Mark 9:10–16

At that time, they kept Jesus' word to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant. And they asked Him, saying, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" Then He

answered and told them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and restores all things. And how is it written concerning the Son of Man, that He must suffer many things and be treated with contempt? But I say to you that Elijah has also come, and they did to him whatever they wished, as it is written of him." And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him. And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?"

The fourteenth Saturday.
Matthew 23:1–12

At that time, Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat.

which describes Christ's healing of the blind man in Bathsheba. It seems more appropriate to assume that the figure sitting with the dog at his feet represents the said man, since that was a common way of depicting the blind in medieval art. The object whose ends are held by the participants in the action is a bandage, which the blind man would be wearing around his eyes until his sight was restored. – J. Kovačević, pp. 95–96

141. Letter V, p. 130 left, fol. 66 r, 92 mm

142. Letter V, p. 130 right, fol. 66 r, 92 mm