

Weekly Walk Key – A.1

Day 1: Mark 1:1-8

A messenger is someone sent to tell people something important.

A wilderness is an area where there is often little rainfall and few useful plants grow.

“Make straight paths for him” means that people should discard those things that interfere with their concentration on Jesus and his message.

John’s clothing reminds us of Elisha who also dressed in a similar manner.

Mark was writing to those who had some knowledge of the Jewish prophets.

They centered on Jesus and his message, rather than pointing to their own actions.

Day 2: Mark 1:9-20

Jesus’ first four disciples were Peter, Andrew, James and John.

In the wilderness Jesus was with wild animals, tempted by Satan and attended by angels.

Jesus was going to make them fishers of men instead of fishers of fish.

Jesus drove out demons by his own authority, and even they knew that he was the Son of God.

Mark introduced Jesus at the beginning of his ministry while Luke introduced him at his conception.

Both Mark and Luke present Him as the Son of God and that the Holy Spirit was upon him.

Day 3: Mark 1:21-34

The Sabbath is Saturday, the seventh day of the week, and the Jewish day of rest.

A demon is an evil angel that works for Satan.

Capernaum is at the north end of the Sea of Galilee.

A synagogue was a place of teaching where Jews gathered on the Sabbath to study God’s word.

Some of Jesus’ disciples were married.

Jesus does not promise us miraculous physical healing, but he does promise us spiritual healing.

Day 4: Mark 1:35-45

Jesus wanted to pray before the crowds found him and took up all his time.

Jesus went to other villages because they also needed to hear his words.

Galilee is several days journey on foot north of Jerusalem.

A person with leprosy was unclean, and someone touching an unclean person became unclean.

The procedure for cleansing someone cured of leprosy was very detailed as shown in Leviticus 14.

Jesus did not want large crowds following him merely to see miracles of healing.

Day 5: Mark 2:1-12

Jesus used Capernaum as his home base.

A paralyzed person cannot move parts of his body, such as arms, legs or even his face.

His friends tore up the roof because it was the only way to get the paralyzed man to Jesus because of the crowds.

Jesus knew that the man’s greatest problem was his sins, so he dealt with that first.

The teachers knew that only God could forgive sins, not a mere man as they thought Jesus was.

Jesus forgave sins, read people’s thoughts and cured a paralytic.