

Peace Lutheran Weekly Walk - Mark #1

Peace Lutheran invites all members and guests to follow a weekly Bible reading series at home. For past handouts and suggestions for leading a family devotion, go to <https://peacewels.org/weekly-walk/>.

Questions about the readings can be addressed to either pastor or emailed to weeklywalk@peacewels.org

Prayer: O God, You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures: through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Day 1: Mark 1:1-8

What is a messenger?

What is a wilderness?

What is meant by “make straight paths for him”?

Of whom does John’s clothing remind us?

Mark begins the book by quoting Isaiah. What does this tell us about Mark’s audience?

How are Mark’s gospel and John the Baptist’s ministry similar?

Day 2: Mark 1:9-20

Who were Jesus’ first four disciples?

What three things happened when Jesus went out into the wilderness?

How was Jesus going to change the jobs of his disciples?

How do we know that Jesus was the Son of God?

Flip to Luke 1:29-33. How is Mark’s introduction of Jesus in verses 9-11 different from Luke’s? How is it similar?

Day 3: Mark 1:21-34

What is the Sabbath?

What is a demon?

Where is Capernaum located?

Why did Jesus go into a synagogue to teach?

What does the fact that Simon had a mother-in-law tell us about Jesus’ disciples?

People came to Jesus and were healed of their physical ailments. Should we also expect such miraculous healing if we come to Jesus?

Day 4: Mark 1:35-45

Why did Jesus get up early in the morning?

Why did he go to other villages?

Consult a Biblical map. Where is Galilee in relation to Jerusalem?

Why would it have been shocking to the Jews for Jesus to touch a man with leprosy?

What was the procedure for someone to follow who was cleansed of leprosy? See Leviticus 14.

Why did Jesus tell the man who was cleansed not to tell anyone about his healing?

Day 5: Mark 2:1-12

Where was Jesus' home?

What does it mean to be paralyzed?

Why did the friends of the paralyzed man tear up the roof of the house?

Why did Jesus forgive the man's sins instead of just healing him?

Why did the teachers of the law think that Jesus had committed blasphemy?

What were the three ways in which Jesus demonstrated he was God in this account?

Blessing: May the Lord grant healing to our ills, both physical and spiritual, according to his good pleasure and for our eternal benefit.

Final thoughts: Jesus started his ministry dramatically with many acts of healing. These showed that he had power over the physical world but also that he had power over the spiritual work, as is implied by his forgiving sins and his driving out of demons.

More Resources on Mark

[A Path Strewn with Sinners: A Devotional Study of Mark's Gospel & His Race to the Cross](#) by Wade Johnston. Two copies available in church library.

[Read Scripture: Mark](#) by The Bible Project. Youtube.com