

Peace Lutheran Weekly Walk - Mark #2

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: Dear Lord, help us see important truths in your Word. Use your law to show us we are indeed sick unto death with sin. Then come with your gospel message of peace in Jesus to heal us. Plant the good seed of your heart deep into our hearts and bring forth abundant fruit in our lives, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Day 1: Mark 2:13-27

Why were the Pharisees upset Jesus chose Levi (also called Matthew) to be a disciple and to eat at Matthew's house?

What is fasting?

When would Jesus' disciples fast?

How did the Pharisees think a person was saved? How well did they think they were doing?

Why is self-righteous pride so deadly? Why is it so important that we see ourselves as the "sick" sinners we are? Consider how Jesus words in 2:17 help us see this.

What is the point of the mini-parable about patches and wine skins?

Day 2: Mark 3:1-12

What was wrong with the man in the synagogue?

Why was Jesus angry with Pharisees who were there in the synagogue?

How did the Pharisees respond to Jesus healing the man?

What does Jesus' healing so many people tell us about Him?

Why did Jesus forbid the demons to tell who He is?

Day 3: Mark 3:13-35

What is the difference between a disciple and an apostle?

What does Jesus say makes someone part of his family (v.35)?

Who is the strong man in the illustration Jesus uses?

Who is the “stronger man” who ties up the strong man to take his possessions in Jesus’ illustration?

What is the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit that Jesus warns about? Why is it unforgivable?

Day 4: Mark 4:1-20

Explain what each part of the parable stands for:

- the seed -the seed on the path -the seed on rocky ground
- the seed on the thorns -the seed on good ground.

Which result in the story describes us? (As you consider this question, what happens whenever the Word is sown?)

What does this answer then encourage us to do?

What are some reasons Jesus taught in parables?

Day 5: Mark 4:21-29

Why would it be silly to put a lamp under a basket or a bed?

Given what Jesus says immediately after this in verse 23, for what does the lamps stand and what is Jesus encouraging us to do?

What does Jesus say will happen if we pay attention to His Word and make generous use of it? And what will happen if we refuse to make use of His Word?

What does the parable of the seed teach us about how God’s Kingdom is built (God’s kingdom is not a place but how He rules and reigns in human hearts)?

Blessing: How blessed is the person whose rebellion is forgiven, whose sin is covered (Psalm 32:2).

Final thoughts: May we ever make diligent use of God’s powerful Word, that it may lead us to see our deadly sin-sick condition and look to Jesus as the only source of spiritual healing and life. The Lord promises His Word works and will bring blessing!

More Resources on Mark

Answers for this week’s questions may be found on the Peace Website

[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