

Peace Lutheran Weekly Walk - Mark #3

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 Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Day 1: Mark 4:30-41

To what does Jesus compare the kingdom of God?

In what way does the kingdom of God behave like a mustard seed?

What do you find strange about Jesus behavior in the boat during the storm?

Agree/Disagree – The disciples in the boat trusted in Jesus to take care of them.

How powerful were Jesus' words to the wind/water?

They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" How would you answer their question?

Day 2: Mark 5:1-20

Give examples of the supernatural power that the demon-possessed man had. What things in this account make it evident that Jesus was even more powerful than the demons?

In the Roman army of Jesus' day, a "legion" was a unit of 3,000 to 6,000 men. "Legion" can also simply indicate a vast multitude.

Did the demons get any better circumstance for themselves by going into the herd of pigs?

Compare the reaction of the pig herders to the reaction of the man who had been healed. Why do you think this is?

Day 3: Mark 5:21-43

What was Jesus reaction to Jairus' plea? What does this tell you about your Savior?

Why was the woman trembling to tell Jesus what happened? What do you think she expected Jesus to say to her? Why do you think Jesus wanted her to identify herself?

When Jesus arrived at Jairus' house, what made people laugh at Jesus? "Little girl, I say to you, get up!" What a tender moment! Can you think of a specific event when God called you by name? (And raised you up from spiritual death)

Day 4: Mark 6:1-13

List reasons why the people in Jesus' hometown had trouble accepting that He was their Savior?

Why did Jesus tell the Twelve not to take provisions for their missionary journey?

What special powers did Jesus give to the Twelve to help their preaching? True/False – If pastors today could do miracles, many more people would believe in Jesus.

Day 5: Mark 6:14-29

There is a lot of confusion today about Jesus, especially when people don't rely on the Bible to make it clear. Were people more clear in Jesus' day as to who He was?

Jesus once said about John the Baptist: "Among those born of women there is no one greater than John." Did the way John died seem appropriate for someone regarded so highly by God?

Why do you think John was hated so much by Herodias? Does the world still react this way?

It has been said, "The way John died will result in an even greater resurrection." In what sense is this true?

Blessing: The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. (Ps 121:8)

Final thoughts: In this past week's readings we see Jesus personal, one-on-one care for individuals and his quick response to help them. We also see Jesus' purposeful work to train his disciples and bring the Gospel to the world at large.

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