

Peace Lutheran Weekly Walk – A.4

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 peacewels.org/weeklywalk.

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

Prayer: Jesus, to demonstrate your almighty power for the benefit of your people Israel, you cured their physical infirmities and fed them on earthly food. In the process you also cured the infirmities of their souls and fed them on heavenly food. For the benefit of the people of your church today, please also care for us physically and spiritually. Amen.

Day 1: Mark 6:30-44

How many loaves and how many fish did Jesus have?
How did Jesus have the people sit down?
Why was Jesus in such a remote place?
Why were the disciples resistant to feeding the people?
What two things does this account tell us about Jesus' concern for people?
What does this account tell us about the bountifulness of God's blessings?

Day 2: Mark 6:45-56

Why did Jesus send his disciples away?
Why were the disciples having trouble getting across the lake?
At what time on our clocks did Jesus go to his disciples?
What things happened when Jesus reached his disciples?
Turn to John 6:16-21. What additional details are given there?
How did the people show their confidence in Jesus' healing power?

Day 3: Mark 7:1-23

Why were the Pharisees unhappy with Jesus' disciples?
Who was Isaiah?
What did the Jews consider "unclean" to mean? See Leviticus 7 and 11.
Of what did Jesus charge the Pharisees?
Why doesn't what goes into a person make the person unclean?

What is the real reason that people are unclean before God? How is this uncleanliness removed? See 1 John 1:7.

Day 4: Mark 7:24-37

Consult a Biblical map. Where was Tyre?
Why did Jesus initially reject the plea for help by the local woman?
How did she turn Jesus' insult around to strengthen her plea?
Why did Jesus heal her daughter? See Matthew 15:28.
What does to be "deaf and dumb" mean?
Jesus used physical acts to cure the deaf and dumb man. Were these physical acts necessary? Why or why not?

Day 5: Mark 8:1-11

Why did Jesus again find himself facing a large crowd that needed food?
How long had the people been with Jesus?
What lesson had the disciples not learned from the previous feeding of the 5000?
How many loaves and how many fish did Jesus have?
Why did Jesus frequently travel across the Sea of Galilee by boat rather than walk around it?
Why was the Pharisees' request for a "miraculous sign" ironic?

Blessing: May the Lord grant us such confidence in his power to control the events in our lives that we can live in security and not in distress.

Final thoughts: In these accounts of Jesus' actions in dealing with nature, with hungry people, with ailing people and with faultfinders, Mark presents Jesus as one who was a take-charge leader and problem solver. Such an image of Jesus would appeal to the Gentile citizens in the Roman Empire.

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 are available in the church library.

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

