

Peace Lutheran Weekly Walk – Mark #7

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: O Lord of time and eternity, grant us the wisdom to know Your Word and the endurance to hold fast to it even when we become the subject of the ridicule of others. Just as You confounded those who wanted to destroy You, so confound Your enemies that oppose us as we serve You here in time so that we may then worship You forever in eternity.

Day 1: Mark 11:12-26

1. Why did Jesus curse the fig tree?
2. How does this demonstrate God's attitude toward those who do not produce fruits of faith?
3. What additional lesson did Jesus draw from the cursing of the fig tree?
4. What business dealings were happening in the temple?
5. Why might the merchants have been allowed to do business in the temple?
6. Why were the religious leaders so angry with Jesus?

Day 2: Mark 11:27-12:12

1. What question did the chief priests ask Jesus?
2. Why were these leaders afraid to answer Jesus' question?
3. Why did the owner rent his vineyard to tenants?
4. Why did the tenants mistreat the owner's servants?
5. Whom did the owner's son represent?
6. How did this parable symbolize the actions of the Jewish religious leaders?

Day 3: Mark 12:13-27

1. Why did the Jews have to pay taxes to the Romans?
2. What was a denarius?
3. Why were the Pharisees and the Herodians unusual allies?
4. Why did Jewish men need to marry the childless widows of their

brothers? See Deuteronomy 25:5-10.

5. How were the Sadducees trying to trap Jesus with their complex question about this law?
6. Why are marriages not needed in heaven?

Day 4: Mark 12:28-44

1. What is the greatest commandment in the law?
2. What is the second most important commandment in the law?
3. Why did Jesus think there was some hope for his questioner?
4. Who is the David being referred to by Jesus?
5. Why did Jesus call the teachers of the law "hypocrites"?
6. Why did Jesus claim that the poor widow had given more than the rich people?

Day 5: Mark 13:1-20

1. Why was Jesus not impressed with the temple building?
2. In what way would people try to deceive Jesus' disciples?
3. Where will the gospel be preached before the end of time?
4. Will there be peace and good conditions on earth as Judgment Day approaches?
5. What is the abomination that causes desolation? See Daniel chapters 9, 11 and 12.
6. How dreadful will the distress before the end of time be?

Blessing: May the Lord grant us strength to stand firm in the face of opposition to God and His message for the world.

Final thoughts: During Holy Week Jesus confronted his various opponents as they tried to trap Him and find grounds to arrest and to execute Him. Time and again He embarrassed them by trapping them in their own traps. Then He pointed to a more dreadful time that lies ahead for the Jews and for all the people of the earth as Judgment Day approaches.

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.