# Weekly Walk Key – A.4

## Day 1: Mark 6:30-44

Jesus had 5 loaves and 2 fish.

In groups of 50 and 100.

He was trying to avoid the crowds that followed him just to see miracles.

The cost of feeding so many people was very large, even if they could find enough bread in the area. Jesus taught them even though he sought a place to rest, and he fed them because they were hungry. God can create bountiful blessings for us even when we cannot imagine how it can be done.

## Day 2: Mark 6:45-56

Jesus wanted to be alone to pray.

The wind was blowing into their faces as they rowed.

The fourth watch was between 3 am and 6 am.

The disciples were terrified, thinking Jesus was a ghost. Jesus got into the boat. The wind died down. The disciples had rowed 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> miles. When Jesus entered the boat, they immediately arrived at the shore.

The people brought their sick to Jesus, and those who believed Jesus could heal them were healed.

## Day 3: Mark 7:1-23

The Pharisees saw some of Jesus' disciples eating food without washing their hands. Isaiah was an Old Testament prophet from the time of King Hezekiah of Judah (about 700 BC).

Uncleanliness was a ceremonial condition in which people were not able to come before God. For example, touching dead things or committing sins made people unclean.

Jesus called the Pharisees hypocrites, because they ignored God's rules and made up their own. Things people eat get digested and disappear. They are only temporal and do not affect the soul. A heart full of sinful thoughts and a mouth full of sinful words are what really displease God. The uncleanliness of sin can only be removed by the blood of Jesus.

## Day 4: Mark 7:24-37

Tyre was a Gentile city along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea north of Galilee.

The Jews regarded the Gentiles as no better than unclean animals, such as dogs.

She pointed out the even the animals get the leftovers from the tables of people.

Jesus saw that she had a strong and correct faith in him.

"Deaf and dumb" means to be unable to hear or speak.

Jesus used physical objects to dramatize what he was doing. In his hands even common things were curative.

## Day 5: Mark 8:1-11

People followed Jesus because they liked to see the miracles which he did. Often they lost track of time and found that they had eaten all the food they had brought along and were hungry. The people been with Jesus 3 days.

The disciples had not learned that Jesus could provide for people's physical as well as spiritual needs. Jesus had 7 loaves and a few fish.

Jesus sometimes had to avoid the crowds to train his disciples. When he set out by boat, the crowds did not know where he was going, permitting Jesus some time alone with his disciples.

The pharisees were well aware that Jesus had miraculously fed a large number of people, so they already had a sign of his divine power.