

Peace Lutheran Weekly Walk - Mark

#7 Answer Key

Day 1: Mark 11:12-26

1. Jesus cursed the fig tree because it had no fruit.
2. Those who do not produce fruits of faith will be eternally cursed by God.
3. With faith in God, people can ask for and get tremendous blessings from God.
4. Merchants were selling animals for sacrifice and exchanging temple coins for other kinds of money.
5. If the merchants worked within the temple compound, the priests could verify the appropriateness of the animals sold for sacrifice and set the exchange rate for temple coins.
6. Jesus condemned them for putting practical expediency ahead of the worship of God.

Day 2: Mark 11:27-12:12

1. The chief priests asked Jesus for the source of His authority to interfere in their domain.
2. Jesus' question forced them to admit their mistake about John the Baptizer or face the wrath of the people.
3. The owner decided it would be better business for him to pay others to run his vineyard.
4. The tenants hoped to gain control of the vineyard by driving off the owner's servants.
5. The owner's son represented Jesus, the promised Messiah sent by God.
6. The Jewish religious leaders over the centuries had killed many of God's prophets and now were threatening the life of Jesus.

Day 3: Mark 12:13-27

1. The Romans ruled the land of Palestine where the Jews lived.
2. A denarius was a Roman coin worth about a day's wages.
3. The Pharisees wanted freedom from the Roman government, and the Herodians worked for the Roman government's puppet king.
4. Jewish men needed to marry the childless widows of their brothers to preserve their brother's family line among the people of Israel.

5. The law of Moses did not let a woman be married to multiple men at the same time, so a resurrection would seem impossible because this woman would be legally married to seven men.
6. Because no one dies in heaven, there is no need for children and married couples to produce them.

Day 4: Mark 12:28-44

1. The greatest commandment in the law is to love God with one's whole heart, soul, mind and strength.
2. The second most important commandment in the law is to love one's neighbor as oneself.
3. His questioner understood that it was a heart devoted to God, not performing rituals, that made people acceptable to God.
4. David was the king of Israel (~1000 BC). God promised that the Messiah would be his descendant.
5. The teachers of the law pretended to be pious in public but broke God's law behind the scenes.
6. It is not the amount of the gift, but the willingness of a believer to be generous, that counts before God.

Day 5: Mark 13:1-20

1. The temple was built by humans, and therefore would not last. God wants to dwell in hearts.
2. People will claim that Jesus has already returned and must be sought in out-of-the-way places.
3. The gospel will be preached throughout the whole world.
4. The evils of human behaviors will continue to the end, and God will send natural disasters as well.
5. This term has long been debated by scholars. Many feel it means repugnant idolatry of some sort.
6. People will be completely desperate. They will do anything to try to avoid the judgment of God.