MARK 5

Jesus Heals a Man with a Demon

For ver. 1-21, see Matt. 8:28–9:1; Luke 8:26-40 They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. 5:1 Some manuscripts Gergesenes, some Gadarenes 2And when Jesus 5:2 Greek he; also verse 9 had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. 3 [Rev. 18:2] He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, 4for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. 5Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. 6And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and See Matt. 8:2 fell down before him. 7And ch. 1:26; Acts 8:7 crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, [Matt. 4:3, 6]; See Matt. 14:33 Son of Gen. 14:16; Num. 24:16; Ps. 57:2; Dan. 3:26; Luke 1:32; 6:35; Acts 16:17 the Most High God? Matt. 26:63; Acts 19:13; [James 2:19] I adjure you by God, do not torment me."

- 2 characters and 2 groups of people
- Jesus, the possessed man, the disciples, and the locals.
- Nobody had the ability or strength to control this man who was filled with demons
- People had tried, the used chains, but nothing worked.
- Remember the last thing we saw Jesus do was calm the sea, with His words
- I wonder what the disciples were thinking when this man ran up
 - Were they afraid of him

 Or, were they thinking, "Jesus just shut down a storm, what does this man think he'll be able to get away with?"

8For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" 9And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Matt. 26:53 Legion, for we are many." 10And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. 11Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, 12and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." 13So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

14The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened.

- The demons wanted to stay in this land of Jewish people who didn't recognize the Laws and traditions the Old Testament.
 - They asked to stay
- The demons could not take the man's life, Jesus wouldn't allow it.
- He allowed them to go into a herd of pigs.
 - Perhaps Jesus wanted the people of the town to see the amount of power the that was inside the man they could not bind.
 - Perhaps it was a form of punishment for breaking the Jewish Laws.
 - But, it definitely showed what the Legion was capable of when no longer restrained by Jesus.
- Without Jesus holding them back they would have killed the man.
- Satan is after our destruction

 John 10:10 – "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

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15And they came to Jesus and saw the demonpossessed 5:15 Greek daimonizomai (demonized); also verses 16, 18; elsewhere rendered oppressed by demons man, the one who had had [Luke 8:27] the legion, sitting there, ver. 9 clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. 16And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demonpossessed man and to the pigs. 17And [Luke 5:6, Acts 16:39] they began to beg Jesus 5:17 Greek him to depart from their region. 18As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. 19And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and Ps. 66:16; [ch. 1:44] tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." 20And he went away and began to proclaim in ch. 7:31; Matt. 4:25 the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

- The local people had an opportunity to come to know this amazing person who healed the man that they could not.
- They didn't take the opportunity
- Instead, they saw the loss of property as enough reason for Jesus to leave.
 - It's a shame that Jesus showed up, but these people couldn't get beyond their money and possessions to realize who was standing in front of them.
 - They begged Jesus to leave.
 - They didn't even seem concerned about the man who had been possessed.
- The man begged to come with Jesus

- But, Jesus told him to stay. And tell family and friends what God has done.
- This man did just that. He went throughout his home area and told people about Jesus, and when Jesus came back in Mark 7:31-37 and crowds were waiting for him.
- This man bloomed where he was planted.

Jesus Heals a Woman and Jairus's Daughter

21And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. 22 For ver. 22-43, see Matt. 9:18-26; Luke 8:41-56 Then came one of Luke 13:14; Acts 13:15; 18:8, 17 the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet 23and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and ch. 6:5; 7:32; 8:23, 25; 16:18; Matt. 9:18; Luke 4:40; 13:13; Acts 9:12, 17; 28:8 lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." 24And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and ver. 31; ch. 3:9 thronged about him. 25And there was a woman Lev. 15:25 who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, 26and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. 27She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment.

- One of the rulers of the synagogue, if you think back to chapter 2
 of Mark members of the ruling class of the synagogue in
 Capernaum were looking to get rid of Jesus.
- But this man, Jairus was out of options, his daughter's only hope was Jesus

- Our only hope is Jesus.
- We were like this little girl, dead with no hope, until Jesus came and rescued us
- Now, we need to be like her father, and bring Jesus to others.
- A lady who had been suffering for 12 years snuck up and touched Jesus.
 - In this custom she would have just made Jesus unclean by touching him
 - But she had no hope either, only Jesus

28For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." 29 Matt. 15:28; 17:18 And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her See ch. 3:10 disease. 30And Jesus, perceiving in himself that Luke 5:17; 6:19; 8:46; [Acts 10:38] power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" 31And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" 32And he looked around to see who had done it. 33But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. 34And he said to her, "Daughter, See Luke 7:50 your faith has made you well; See Luke 7:50 go in peace, and be healed of your [See ver. 29] above] disease."

- This is an amazing story of Jesus being so in tuned with God's power He could feel it transfer from him to others.
 - With a crowd all around 1 person drew power from him
 - She had the faith and Jesus had the will to make her or allow her to receive healing and power.

- Jesus doesn't treat her harshly, but is more amazed that she had enough faith to just touch him.
- Even Jairus asked for Jesus to come touch his daughter, Jesus could have said the words
 - o And this woman's faith was even greater.

35While he was still speaking, there came from ver. 22 the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why Luke 7.6 trouble See John 11:28 the Teacher any further?" 36But overhearing 5:36 Or ignoring, some manuscripts hearing what they said, Jesus said to [See ver. 35 above] the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." 37And he allowed no one to follow him except ch. 9:2; 14:33 Peter and James and ch. 3:17 John the brother of James. 38They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus 5:38 Greek he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. 39And when he had entered, he said to them, [Acts 20:10] "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but John 11:4, 11 sleeping."

- This is a tremendous amount of faith Jairus is now demonstrating
- He will be considered an irrational father grieving too hard for his daughter if Jesus doesn't raise her from the dead.
- He and Jesus are not disturbed by what the people around them are saying is impossible
- We can't be held back, or fearful of what people around us say/do
 - Only trust God and do what He says.

40And they laughed at him. But he Acts 9:40 put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. 41 See ch. 1:31 Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, Luke 7:14, 22; [Matt. 11:5; John 11:43] arise." 42And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. 43And ch. 9:9; See Matt. 8:4 he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

- This little girl was 12 years old and died
- The lady had been suffering for 12 years
- Both of those events are horrible
- But, their healing is not the purpose of the story
- Jesus is the purpose of the Story
- Think about this
 - That lady was suffering at least 10 years before Jesus started His ministry
 - Only because of her suffering are talking about her today.
 - The little girl experienced death and her family lost her, why?
 - They didn't know, but because Jesus and His glory would be made know through their sufferings.
- When we are going through hard times, and we will.
 - We must remember that God is good, and He loves us; therefore, even our suffering is worth it because He will use it for His glory and our good.
 - We need to have the faith to trust him with things we can't even fathom.