

MARK CHAPTER 5 – “A DEMON POSSESSED MAN HEALED; A GIRL RESTORED TO LIFE AND A WOMAN HEALED!”

OBSERVATION

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INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

A DEMON POSSESSED MAN HEALED

Notice how our Lord Jesus is so much greater than Satan and the workers of iniquity!

Mar 5:1 Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes.

Mar 5:2 And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

Mar 5:3 who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains,

Mar 5:4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him.

Mar 5:5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.

Mar 5:6 When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him.

Mar 5:7 And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me."

Mar 5:8 For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!"

Mar 5:9 Then He asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many."

Mar 5:10 Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country.

Mar 5:11 Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains.

Mar 5:12 So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them."

Mar 5:13 And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.

Mar 5:14 So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened.

Mar 5:15 Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

v. 1 “Let us pass over unto the other side,” Jesus had said in chapter 4. And here in chapter 5, we see the disciples doing just that, for His Word always comes to pass. Leaving Capernaum on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee, it was a five-mile journey by water to Gadara, located on the eastern shore.

v. 2 Unlike God, Satan is not omnipresent; he can’t be everywhere at once. So he carries out his work through demonic, or unclean, spirits—the angels who fell with him when he rebelled against God (2 Peter 2:4). And in this man of Gadara, we see the results of the demonization of an individual...

v. 3 He was **robbed of his family and friends**. Dwelling among the tombs, infatuated with death and darkness, he was as good as dead. Secondly, he was **robbed of sanity and self-control**, hell-bent on his own destruction. When a demonic power fully takes over an individual as is the case here, **their purposes are always evil and destructive**

v. 4 Actually **he was a menace. People could not pass** by his way, according to Matthew’s gospel. Notice what society did with this man. First, **they sought to bind him** (his feet) and his hands with chains. We do the same. Statistics show, however, that 72 percent of those released from prison return for similar or worse crimes.

v. 5 Second, **society sought to isolate him**. Luke tells us a guard actually stayed with him. But even he couldn’t stop the man’s propensity for annihilation.

v. 6 It is neither society’s isolation nor its attempts at rehabilitation that will make a genuine, lasting difference in the lives of men—but only the hope of regeneration through this One who crossed through a storm to reach this man.

vs. 7-8 James says the devils believe—and tremble (2:19). **Demons know who Jesus is. And they quake in their boots** when they are aware of His presence.

vs. 9-10 A legion is a Roman military term used to denote a unit of six thousand soldiers, so it is possible that there were thousands of demons within this man. Jesus is calling to the man, asking for his name!

vs. 11-13 Jesus did not command the demons to go into the pigs. Rather, the demons requested it, and **Jesus simply allowed it**. It makes no difference to demons whether they inhabit people or pigs because they can make people into pigs by getting them to trade their God-given natures for animal behavior. (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea. In light of the current epidemic of teen suicide, I find it more than coincidental that **the demons caused the pigs to prefer suicide to life**.

To Satan, a pig is as good as a man! In fact, Satan will make a man into a pig! **Demons don’t have the ability to know what’s in Jesus’ (or our minds?) mind.** (Luke 8:31; 11:24-26)

vs. 14-15 Evidently, the fact that this man was torturing himself to death was less frightening to these people than the fact that he was now clothed and in his right mind.

The Lord Jesus Christ has power over demons. He has the power over plagues. He has the power over death. That is the great lesson for us to learn.

v. 2 What the source of unclean spirits or demons really is a matter of speculation and argument. Many believe and it’s probably true that the demons are angels who kept not their first state but joined in the rebellion of Satan against God V. 7 We see here that demons are not atheists or unaware of God. They’re totally aware that God knows them, what they are thinking and that the demons can be tormented by God or whatever God wants to do. Demons **have faith** (Jam 2:19), but it is **not saving faith**. They **believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God with authority to command them**. They **believe in a future judgment** (Mat 8:29) and in the existence of a **place of torment** to which Jesus could send them (“the abyss,” Luk 8:31). They also **believe in prayer**, for the demons **begged Jesus not to send them to the abyss**.

v. 8—We note that Jesus does not address the man, but unclean spirit, who is inhabiting the man.

v. 12 Notice the demons apparently look for biological beings to inhabit! Demons aren’t inhabiting things like books or movies, or whatever is not biological. “Send us into the swine”! **They don’t know what God is thinking**. They also **know that they are under God’s control**.

v. 31 This request shows the weakness of the infernal spirits, they are not able to do anything without leave, and the superior power of Christ over them, and their acknowledgment of it; as well as the wretched malignity of their nature, who must be doing mischief, if not to the bodies and souls of men, yet to their property and goods.

Vs. 13 Notice the demons **caused the pigs to prefer suicide to life! The deception of Satan is that suicide will end all things. But it doesn’t!** Now the physical is gone, it’s your spirit, your soul, that is tormented. And physical death doesn’t end that tormenting. **Without the Lord, that will go on forever.** Gal 2:20 is the answer!

v. 15 Formerly naked, now clothed; formerly out of his mind, but now in his right mind! What a contrast. Controlled by the powers of the underworld, the man was a maniac. He had no control. Miserable, weeping, cutting himself with rocks, a menace to the people. Now under the control of the Spirit, sitting, clothed, in his right mind. The reaction of the people was fear! Not excited! But afraid! Their pig business was being destroyed!

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Mar 5:16 And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine.
Mar 5:17 Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region.
Mar 5:18 And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him.

Mar 5:19 However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."
Mar 5:20 And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

A GIRL RESTORED TO LIFE AND A WOMAN HEALED

Mar 5:21 Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea.
Mar 5:22 And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet
Mar 5:23 and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live."
Mar 5:24 So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.
Mar 5:25 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, (unclean, defiled, believed to have had this condition because of sin in her life)
Mar 5:26 and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.

vs. 16-17 Pigs were more important to these people than a man's soul. The fact that they prioritized pigs above people should not shock us, however, when we see people petition and protest today on behalf of the spotted owl or snowy plover while they allow babies to be aborted by the hundreds of thousands.

v.18 By His Word. So, too, the weapons of our war are not carnal, but the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (2 Corinthians 10:4; Hebrews 4:12).

v. 19 You are the one who can witness most effectively to the people who knew you previously," Jesus said to the man delivered from demons. "I want you to go home to those who knew you before and let them see the reality of My touch upon your life." **The one of three prayers (vs. 12, 17 & 18) which was not answered!**

v. 20 There are three prayers offered in this story... When you and I wage war spiritually, when you and I petition and pray perhaps reverently, we must remember, even as this story illustrates so dramatically, that Jesus can say, "No," and "No" is just as much an answer as "Yes." In fact, "No" is sometimes what God reserves especially for those He loves. Why? In the case before us, Jesus answered the prayers of the demons and of an unbelieving, cynical, hostile society according to their request. But He answered the prayer of a believer in a way that changed his course rather than affirmed his request

v. 21 One crowd sighed with relief when Jesus left. On the other side of the lake, however, another crowd was set to receive.

vs. 22-26 Of the crowd set to receive Jesus, Mark draws attention to two individuals... The most visible member of the community, Jairus was famous. The woman was anonymous. Jairus was wealthy. The woman lived in poverty. Jairus was the leader of the synagogue. Because of her physical condition, the woman was forbidden from entering the synagogue. For twelve years, as his daughter grew, the house of Jairus was filled with laughter and joy. For twelve years, the house of the woman was filled with misery and despair. **Lev. 15:25-27** These two people—at opposite ends of the spectrum—waited for Jesus.

Jesus had attended the synagogue there in Capernaum on many occasions. In the third chapter, He healed the man with a withered hand in the synagogue of Capernaum which caused the rulers, the Pharisees, to decide to destroy Jesus. It is very probable that Jairus, being one of the rulers of the synagogue, was angry and upset with Jesus because of His healing on the Sabbath day and not following the traditions of Sabbath day keeping that had been established by the Jews and by the religious leaders. That he had prejudice against Jesus as did the religious leaders. But he's got a problem now, his little girl, his only child is dying. He knows that there is only one that can help. And that is Jesus.

v. 16 The tragedy is they thought more of their swine than they did the needs of a man. They put the needs of animals above the needs of people. How true is that today?

v. 20 There is a great reason that Jesus says "no" to his request. Visualize the impact this man, now in his right mind, fully committed to Christ, having been totally delivered, would have on those who, for years, had known first hand of this former demon possessed man!!

Application: Have you let your former, pre-conversion, friends know of the miracle of the supernatural, transforming power of the Holy Spirit, that has occurred in your life?

v. 23 **Mark 3:6** ..plotted ..against Him, how they might destroy Him.

Oftentimes God in His love allows us to get into desperate situations to force us to Jesus, to crowd us to Jesus Christ, where He is the only One who can help us, He is the only One that can relieve us from the disaster that we are facing, and that often God uses that to turn us around and to crowd us to Jesus. Such was the case with Jairus. God touched that which was so close to his heart, and he was desperate. So desperate that he was willing to come to Jesus, risking his position. But that doesn't matter to him now, he's desperate. What matters to him is his little girl is dying and the only one who can possibly help her at this point is Jesus.

V. 24 As Jesus made His way towards the house of Jairus, most likely this father was nervous. We can see him as he is trying to order the people, Get back, make room for Him, let Him through, let Him through!

Application: In such a situation as today's study, how would your patience, compassion and willingness compare with that shown by Jesus?

v. 26 The Talmud tradition said they for such a condition, which they judged was given by God for judgment for sin of an immoral woman, they would have the person drink a concoction of gum from Alexandria, Egypt, crocus and alum, mix with wine; 3 pints of Persian onions-boiling them in wine, drink it and someone would say arise, be healed; go to a fork in a road and have someone come up from behind and scared her; wearing the ashes of an ostrich egg; tying strips of the woman's clothing to a tree; and others!

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Mar 5:27 When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment.

Mar 5:28 For she said, "If only I may (kept on saying) touch His clothes (probably the border of His garment- the blue fringes), I shall be made well."

Mar 5:29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.

Mar 5:30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"

Mar 5:31 But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' "

Mar 5:32 And He looked around to see her who had done this thing.

Mar 5:33 But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.

Mar 5:34 And He said to her, "Daughter (only time we have Jesus using this term!), your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

Mar 5:35 While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

Mar 5:36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe."

vs. 27-29 As the woman broke through the crowd of people, she didn't come to Jesus with great oration to impress Him. She simply reached out behind Him and touched the hem of His garment. immediately!

Num 15:39-40 And you shall have the tassel (tsee-tseeth'), that you may look upon it and remember all the commandments of the LORD and do them, and that you may not follow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are inclined, [40] and that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy for your God.

But that was all it took. Why is it we think to receive from the Lord we have to impress Him with long prayers, lengthy fasts, or great discipline? If I can break through the crowd of my unbelief, apathy, and despair, and touch even the hem of His garment, I know I'll be helped in my difficulty. She felt healing

vs. 30-33 Did Jesus ask who touched Him because He wanted to embarrass the woman? No. I believe it was because He wanted to encourage Jairus....

v. 34-35 Come on, Jesus. Let's get going. My daughter's dying, Jairus could have thought, not realizing that it was, in fact, the woman's testimony that would be used to buoy his own faith. You see, the fact that he had seen a miracle in her would allow him to believe Jesus could also help him, even though his situation looked hopeless. So, too, when I wonder if the Lord can help me with any given problem, when I hear what the Lord is doing in your life, my own faith begins to grow.

v. 36 "Only believe," or, literally, "Keep on believing"—even though everything looks impossible. **Stop being afraid! Start and keep believing! Or, don't be afraid. Just trust Me.**

v. 31 Jesus knows the difference between touching and thronging!

Application: Do you touch Him? Or you just thronging with the crowd? Do you remember when He stopped and allowed Him to touch you?

Why did Jesus say, Who touched Me? Did the unclean, defiled woman defile Jesus?

v. 33 Do you think Jairus may have been extremely upset that his request to save his daughter, has now been replaced by this woman? By addressing the woman "daughter"!

Application: How do you handle situations, where it looks to you like Jesus had moved someone ahead of you in His responding?

v. 35 She's dead. Too late, Lord! But as we will see in our story, when the Lord is involved, it's never too late. **His timing is always perfect.** So he was begging Jesus. He expressed his faith, she shall live, she'll be healed if you'll just touch her.

Application: How often have you thought? "Lord, You're too late!"

V. 36 - Application: What do you do in times of great, great need? - Beg, plead with expectancy!! ("come, lay Your hands on her and she shall live!")
So Jesus responded!! (So Jesus arose and followed him and so did His disciples! He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose!!)

Come into the presence of God; humble yourself sincerely before God; lay open your wants, your needs, with a holy earnestness; have unbounded confidence and expectancy in the power and goodness of Christ that your request shall be granted. If Your will be done!

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The daughter of Jairus is raised from the dead

(Supernaturally)

Mar 5:37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.

Mar 5:38 Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly.

Mar 5:39 When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping."

Mar 5:40 And they ridiculed (continued to ridicule) Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying.

Mar 5:41 Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," (Aramaic) which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise."

Mar 5:42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement.

Mar 5:43 But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.

vs. 37-38 The presence of professional mourners would indicate that Jairus was a man of means. Normally at least two flute players and at least one professional wailer would be involved. Remember they would be planning on having this girl in the tomb by the end of the day!

v. 39 The word “sleep” is the exact word Paul uses in 1 Corinthians 15 referring to the death of believers. Perhaps Jesus would whisper in our hearts concerning those who have gone on to be with the Lord or concerning those who are in the process of doing so, “Why make ye this ado and weep?” It’s not death the way the world thinks. “Today you shall be with Me in paradise,” Jesus said to the thief on the Cross. At the moment of death for a believer, the body sleeps, but the spirit celebrates in the presence of the Lord.

v. 40 Like Jairus, when I’m seeking the Lord for help, when I’m in need of a miracle, I come to Him. I pour out my heart before Him. My faith might falter—until I hear a testimony. Then it soars—until reports come in even more brutal than previous reports, my faith turns to fear. Then I hear Jesus saying, “Keep believing.” And I do. But then in my own heart, a laughing, a scolding, a mocking begins. Before Jesus could enter Jairus’ house and do a miracle, the mockers had to be put out. Why? Not only because without faith, it is impossible to please Him (Hebrews 11:6), but because the Holy One of Israel is limited by unbelief (Psalm 78:41). Therefore, when the mockers start knocking, let faith answer the door. Don’t allow them to set up shop in your heart, to chuckle knowingly, to question cynically. Instead, listen to the Lord saying, “I desire to do exceedingly abundantly above all that you can ask or think”—and put the mockers out.

v. 41 Although I’ve seen self-proclaimed faith healers use this phrase, there’s nothing magical about it. It’s not what was said which brought Jairus’ daughter back to life. It was who said it. **Acts 9:40 Jehovah God comes down to us and takes us by the hand! My little lamb, arise!**

vs. 42-43 Divine miracles never replace common-sense care. A miracle was done, but then Jesus said, “Make sure she gets some chicken soup.” I like that! The Word of the Servant brought victory over danger in the storm, over demons at Gadara, over disease in a woman, and even over death in a little girl. May we continue to believe in, embrace, speak out, and stand upon this glorious Word. For through it, like the disciples, we will indeed “pass over” no matter the storm.

Jesus’ raising from the dead – only reported three times in the Bible. She was not called back for herself, but for her parents, her disciples, and for us!

Resurrection – What an amazing thing!!!

SUMMARY

In chapter 5, Mark gives us these three accounts:

- The **impact that Jesus had**, the impact over the man whose life was destroyed by the demons that were controlling him. How this man was **set free from the powers of darkness**.
- The **impact that Jesus had** on this woman who was hemorrhaging, the **power of Jesus over her plague!**
- The **impact on the daughter of Jairus, the power of Jesus over death**.

The **glorious powers of our Lord Jesus Christ** and the difference He makes when He touches a person’s life. **Everyone here can testify of what the touch of Jesus has meant to us.** The transformations that have taken place because He touched me!

He is Able to Deliver Thee – William Ogden

’Tis the grandest theme through the ages rung; ’Tis the grandest theme for a mortal tongue; ’Tis the grandest theme that the world e’er sung, “Our God is able to deliver thee.”

Refrain: He is able to deliver thee, He is able to deliver thee; Though by sin oppressed, go to Him for rest; “Our God is able to deliver thee.”

’Tis the grandest theme in the earth or main; ’Tis the grandest theme for a mortal strain; ’Tis the grandest theme, tell the world again, “Our God is able to deliver thee.” (Refrain)

’Tis the grandest theme, let the tidings roll, To the guilty heart, to the sinful soul; Look to God in faith, He will make thee whole, “Our God is able to deliver thee.” (Refrain)