

## Lesson 13: The Gospel of Mark Chapter 5

Our last lesson began with parables and ended with a miracle story that showed that Jesus has power over nature. ***In this lesson*** we have miracles that show that Jesus has **power over demons, power over death, and power over disease**. Remember that for Mark, the meaning of Jesus is not complete without reflection on His death and resurrection. So, these miracles are just a small part of the portrait of Jesus. We cannot understand who Jesus is apart from his death and resurrection

**Read Mark 5:1-20 and footnotes. Share any interesting footnotes with your group.**

- a. **Where was the man living, and what do you think is the significance of the place where this possessed man was spending his time?**
- b. **How is this man described in verses 1-5?**
- c. **Read Mark 16:16-18 below and Mark 5:6-7. Why do you think the demons bow down to Jesus?**

**Mark 16:16-18** The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. <sup>17</sup>They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. <sup>18</sup>They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup>and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage.

- d. **What in this story tell us that this all takes place in a Gentile territory? (Footnotes might help.)**
- e. **How do the *swineherds*, or the tenders of the pigs, react to the fate of the pigs and the sight of the man who is now calm?**
- f. **How to the *villagers* respond?**
- g. **How does the healed man respond when Jesus gets ready to leave?**
- h. **What does Jesus ask the man to do?**
- i. **Reflection: Looking back on this miracle story, what do you think is the meaning or significance of this particular event?**

**2. In this next miracle story, Mark begins the story of Jairus' daughter, but it is interrupted by the story of the woman with a hemorrhage. Read 5:21 - 24 and 5:35-43 and footnotes. Share any helpful footnotes about the story of Jairus' daughter.**

**a. What do we know about Jairus?**

**b. When Jairus is told that his daughter is dead, what message does Jesus give him. (5:36)**

**c. Reflection- Jesus and Jairus were walking through a great crowd. Why do you think he chose only a few men to accompany them back to Jairus' house?**

**d. Who was it that was allowed to witness this healing? (See verses 37 and 40.)**

**e. How did Jesus respond to those who laughed at Him?**

**f. How did Jesus heal this girl?**

**3. Read Mark 5:24-34 and footnotes. Share any helpful footnotes.**

**a. What had the woman done to attempt a cure for her illness, *before* seeing Jesus in the crowd?**

**b. Why do you believe she quietly, and *secretly* tried to touch the garment of Jesus rather than asking him to heal her?**

**c. How did Jesus know that someone had touched him?**

**d. Was Jesus angry that a woman had touched him?**

**e. What does 5:33 tell us about the character of the woman?**

**4. Look back at these three healings. What do we learn about Jesus in this chapter?**