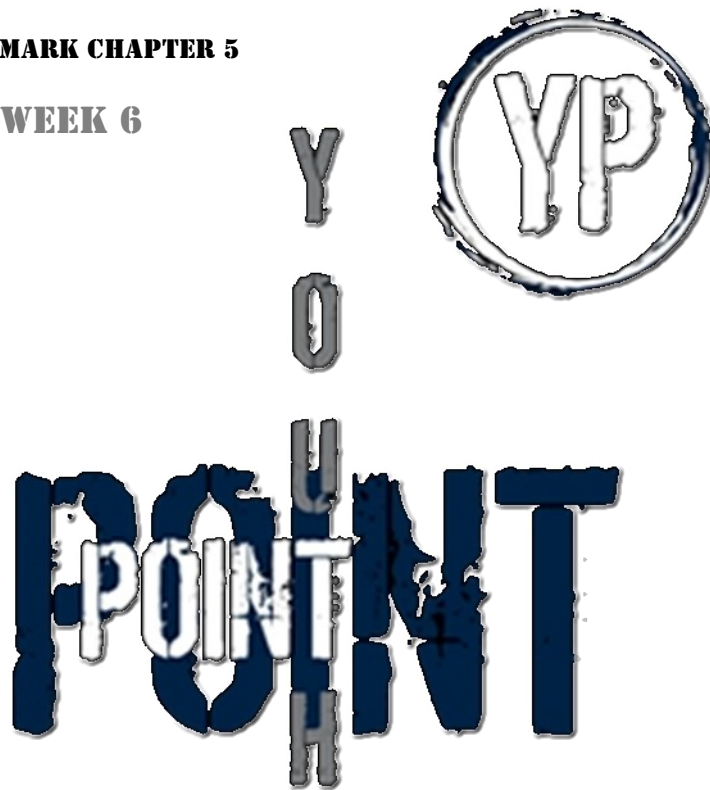




MARK CHAPTER 5

WEEK 6



Week 6 — Mark 5

Day 1

Things to notice or take note of while your reading:

- ⇒ This picks up right where Mark 4 leaves off:
 - ⇒ They just got to shore after Jesus had calmed the storm and the apostles were somewhat scared of Him
 - ⇒ If you didn't notice last week, it's night time. It was evening when they headed across to the other side. So, at this point it's most likely after nice and dark outside.

Mark 5

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And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." And he went with him.



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While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But he 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. Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

So, we are back this week with Jesus continuing to serve more people.

- ◆ What happens to Jesus when He heals someone?

- ◆ Do you know what was so significant about the little girl being 12 that it was included?

LEGION

Mark 5:1-13

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Matthew 8:28-32

And when he came to the other side, to the country of the **Gadarenes**, two demon-possessed men met him, coming out of the tombs, **so fierce that no one could pass that way**. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? **Have you come here to torment us before the time?**" Now a herd of many pigs was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, saying, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of pigs." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the pigs, and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the waters.

Luke 8:26-33

Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time **he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house** but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (**For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.**) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. **And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss.** Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the **lake** and drowned.



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Right off the bat lets get some terms down:

For the Roman army, the term **legion** was used to describe a troop of up to 6,000 men. It was a great display of power, which is also probably what the man was feeling warring inside of himself.

Time - what time? Well the appointed time for the demons to go 'bye bye'. The devil and his demons know that their time is short. Revelation 12:12 - "Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

Where did the demons not want to go? The **abyss** - aka hell aka the lake of fire aka the bottomless pit. I kind of like how Revelation 20:3 puts it: "and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer" The abyss is a term used often in Revelation to refer to the deep, bottomless, pit that holds the demons.

Also, you may notice that Mark and Luke both claim that this happened in the country of the **Gerasenes**, but Matthew claims that it was in the country of the **Gadarenes**. It's kind of the same place, but not. One is like saying Gwinnett County (Gadarenes) and the other is like saying Snellville (Gerasenes). Mark and Luke, just pinpoint the tiny town that this happened in, whereas Matthew talks about the region.

Oh, and **sea** vs **lake** - the Sea of Galilee is just a big lake. It's 13 miles at its longest by 8 miles at its widest. If you do some research on it its actually pretty kewl, but I'll let you look that up on your own. :-)

Okay, enough terms, just think of how spooky this would have been, especially for those that were there with Jesus? He had just told the wind and the seas to 'stop' and they did and now they get to shore and they have this demon possessed guy running towards them naked and falling down before Jesus. Then if that's not enough, Jesus sends those demons into pigs which rush down into the lake!

Pigs, Pigs, Pigs for Sale!

That's funny, right? Do you think that the demons knew that they would be killed off? Do you think that they thought that they could just live and wreak havoc from the pigs?

Mark 5:14-20

The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the **Decapolis** how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

Matthew 8:33-34

The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, especially what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their region.

Luke 8:34-39

When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Just imagine - you go to bed one night and the next morning you wake up to your 2000 pigs floating in the lake. Would you be running towards the pigs to find out what happened or towards the city to get help cause something isn't quite right?

People don't like change, especially when it hurts their pocket. These people didn't care what Jesus was saying, they saw their pigs floating, their money taking off, they wanted Him gone.

I highlighted Decapolis because it will come up later. Just remember this formerly demon possessed guy was the only one that actually got to proclaim the good news in this area. This was a Gentile area (the presence of pigs is a big clue - Jews won't even touch them), so given that Jesus was told/asked to leave the next morning, He probably didn't get to say much or talk to too many people. But, this one guy did!

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Day 4

The dead RISE!!!!

So, this next part goes back and forth. We're going to look at one aspect/part and then go back and look at the other. Today, the ruler of the synagogue.

Think about how much it would of taken for Jairus to admit that he needed Jesus' help. He's one of the guys in charge of the synagogue, one of the religious crowd, one that wants to get rid of Jesus, one who doesn't believe in Him, yet he loves his daughter.

Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." And he went with him.

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Think of what it would have been like for Peter - to see this girl rise from the dead. Remember, Mark wrote mainly what he had heard from Peter, so every time that Peter recounted this story he could hear/remember the exact words that Jesus used. 'Talitha cumi' is Aramaic, yeah he could of just used the Greek, but why? That's not how he remembered it.

What's the deal with the girl being 12? Well, she was practically considered an adult. As an adult she could get married. If you were of marriage age, but had yet to be married when you died, they would perform a sort of a marriage ceremony/service as part of your burial. Weird right?!?!

The doctors FAIL!!!!

So, today we go over the portion that we skipped yesterday. This happened while Jesus was on his way to heal the girl. Just think of being the father of that girl. He'd be wanting Jesus to rush to get to his daughter, so for Him to stop to inquire as to who had touched Him, when there was a huge crowd around them, probably didn't go over to well with him. But, in the end it worked out. Anyways.

Mark 5:25-34

And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

Matthew 9:20-22

And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well.

Luke 8:43-48

And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."



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Oh, look 12 years again. This woman has been suffering for longer than the girl has been alive. She'd tried it all, spent all of her money, gone through torturous treatments and given the laws that were in place - she would have been considered unclean and anyone she touched would also be unclean, so her life - social and physical would of on the scale of 1-10 not have looked so bright.

Even the non-invasive treatments they had at the time we would consider to be super weird—like carrying ashes around in a sac or carrying grain that had grown in donkey's poop. It's like really!!! Come on!

Mark, also lets it all go at how much she had suffered at the hands of physicians, whereas Luke given that he was one, skirts that topic.

So, on with the woman, she had faith, faith that if she just touched the edge of his garment she would be healed. This is one spot where Matthew and Luke go into more detail as to which part of His outer garment she touched than Mark does. She touched the fringe of His garment, would be like a tassel. Way back in Numbers, Jews were told to wear 4 tassels on their outer garment.

Numbers 15:38-40

“Speak to the people of Israel, and tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a cord of blue on the tassel of each corner. And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the LORD, to do them, not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes, which you are inclined to whore after. So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God.

Kewl, right? Her fingers probably just slipped right through one of those tassels and she was healed.

But, what about Jesus? He sensed that power had gone from Him. So, that means that each time that He did something, healed someone, power went from Him. He could sense it, it affected Him. Yet, He didn't keep His power to Himself, He used it for others.

Do we ever use the smallest amount of power that we may have, the slightest bit of pull that we may have at home, with our friends, with those around us to help others even if it costs us something?

NOTES

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2 Timothy 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

It's not just studying and accumulating knowledge, but studying to know Him and be able to do His will. It's studying Him because of how awesome he is and how much you love him that you can't do anything else.

I heard a quote about what happens to us each morning - that we wake up with Satan sitting on our face just waiting to squash our day, to squash our joy. If we don't pick him up and toss him across the room - he'll succeed. And we can't do it. He prowls around like a roaring lion waiting to devour us, he's the ruler of this world, he wins, UNLESS, we resist him.

How?

By being firm in our faith, by having the Spirit interceding for us, by fighting! We must fight! We must contend!



What's your weapon of choice for this fight?

Ephesians 6:10-17 - The Armor of God

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God

