

5. What kinds of fear keep you from doing things that you think you should do?

6. How can Jesus' authority and compassion help calm your fears and strengthen your faith?

7. What have you learned specifically about Jesus in this chapter?

Chapter Five HEALING AND THE POWERFUL TOUCH OF JESUS



WHERE IS JESUS?

1. Gerasa (Gadara) is located southeast of the Sea of Galilee.
2. The other side of the lake probably means Jesus headed back to Capernaum

OVERVIEW: In chapter 5, we see three different displays of Jesus' power over evil, illness and even death. In the Gentile region of Gerasa, Jesus encounters a wild man who is possessed by a

powerful group of demons. Jesus commands the demons to leave the man and sends them into a herd of pigs. Ultimately, the pigs run down the hill into the sea and are drowned, causing the demons to be cast into the abyss to wait their final judgment in the lake of fire. The people are so afraid of this display of power that they ask Jesus to leave their town.

When Jesus and the disciples get back to Capernaum, they encounter two people in need of a healing miracle from Jesus. One of the synagogue leaders, a man named Jairus, meets Jesus on the way and begs Him to heal his sick daughter. While they are on the way, a woman who has been sick with a bleeding disorder for twelve years reaches out through the crowd to touch the hem of Jesus' garment. Immediately, she is healed of her condition. Jesus stops and confronts the woman and assures her that it is her strong faith that has made her well. Jesus then calls Jairus to the same kind of faith as they learn that his little girl has died. Jesus assures him that if he continues to believe he will see the power of God. As they reach the home, Jesus takes three disciples, Jairus and his wife into the bedroom and promptly raises the little girl back to life! One commentator observes about chapter 5, "*Mark's swift sequence of miracle upon miracle, each underlining another aspect of Christ's authority, demonstrates unmistakable that Jesus is the Son of God.*"

FOR YOUR GROUP STUDY:

1. What observations have you made in your study of Mark this week?
2. What different kinds of needs did Jesus meet in the lives of the people He dealt with in Chapter 5?
3. Why did Jesus send the demons into the pigs?
4. Read Psalm 107. How do these words apply to the two main characters of Mark 5:21-43? How do they apply to your life?

10. How would you respond if Jesus were to “call you out” publicly?

Read Mark 5:35-43

11. What do you think was going through the mind of Jairus as he sought out Jesus? Do you think his occupation cause him any additional anxiety? Explain.

12. What three statements does Jesus make in 5:35-43?

13. Describe a time when circumstances made it really hard for you to believe in Jesus’ power in your life. What happened?

Read Mark 4:4.

? “*Subdue*” The Greek word here is **damazo**, which is used to describe the taming of a wild animal.

Read Mark 4:9.

? “*Legion*” A Roman army regiment of approximately 6,000 men.

Read Mark 4:11.

? “*Begged*” The Greek word here is **parakalei**, which means “to ask earnestly for” and is also used by the healed demoniac in 4:18.

Read Mark 4:20.

? “*Decapolis*” A collection of 10 cities east of the Sea of Galilee (Gerasa, Scythopolis, Hippos, Gadara, Pella, Philadelphia, Dion, Canatha, Raphana, Damascus). The population of this region was largely Gentile.

Read Mark 4:42.

? “*Completely astonished*” The Greek word here is **existemi**, which means “out of their minds with amazement.”

FOR YOUR PERSONAL STUDY:

Read 5:1-20

1. What role do Satan, the community and Jesus play in this story?

2. What three requests do you find in these verses? What do they mean to you?

3. What name did the demons go by?

4. Why do you think the people asked Jesus to leave?

5. Do we ever ask Jesus to leave our lives because we love the things of this world more?

6. Why didn't Jesus let the healed man follow Him?

7. This is the first time Jesus didn't forbid someone to speak about Him. Why the change?

Read 5:21-34

8. What kind of faith did Jairus and the woman have? Explain.

9. Why did Jesus "call her out" in front of the entire crowd?