

JESUS DEMONSTRATES THE KINGDOM: GOT TO TELL SOMEBODY!

Mark 5:1-43

Today we will hear about one incredible act of deliverance, an amazing story of healing, and the remarkable resurrection of a young girl. They all have one thing in common; the absolute authority, power, and love of Jesus for those He ministered to.

1 They came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes. 2 When He got out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him, 3 and he had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one was able to bind him anymore, even with a chain; 4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him. 5 Constantly, night and day, he was screaming among the tombs and in the mountains, and gashing himself with stones. 6 Seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him; 7 and shouting with a loud voice, he *said, "What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!" 8 For He had been saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" 9 And He was asking him, "What is your name?" And he *said to Him, "My name is Legion; for we are many." 10 And he began to implore Him earnestly not to send them out of the country. 11 Now there was a large herd of swine feeding nearby on the mountain. 12 The demons implored Him, saying, "Send us into the swine so that we may enter them." 13 Jesus gave them permission. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand of them; and they were drowned in the sea.

14 Their herdsmen ran away and reported it in the city and in the country. And the people came to see what it was that had happened. 15 They *came to Jesus and *observed the man who had been demon-possessed sitting down, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the "legion";

and they became frightened. ¹⁶ Those who had seen it described to them how it had happened to the demon-possessed man, and all about the swine. ¹⁷ And they began to implore Him to leave their region. ¹⁸ As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed was imploring Him that he might accompany Him. ¹⁹ And He did not let him, but He said to him, "Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you." ²⁰ And he went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed. Mark 5:1-20 NASB

- ***Jesus had just calmed the winds of hurricane force (Mark 4:39-41) and now the boat carrying Jesus and the twelve arrive at the other side of the sea.***
- ***Suddenly, there is a new raging storm: a demonized man who is out of control enters the picture. (Mark 5:1-7)***
 - ***The demoniac is torn, cut, bleeding, and naked...he has broken all of the chains and elements of restraint, and he is in a horrible condition.***
 - ***He 'sees' Jesus from a distance...***
 - ***He was about as distant spiritually as he could be!***
 - ***He sees Jesus.***
 - ***He runs to Jesus.***
 - ***He bows before Jesus.***
 - ***And Jesus sees him, frees him, and receives him.***

You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. Acts 10:38 NASB

the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. I John 3:8 NASB

- ***The local residents came to see what had happened...the demoniac was clothed, healed and healthy – spirit, soul and body...***
 - ***They saw the heads of pigs floating in the water, the demoniac healed and delivered, and their first act was to beg Jesus to leave...not to stay, but to leave.***
 - ***Jesus gets in the boat to leave but the man who got delivered was commissioned to stay and tell people what God had done.***
 - ***I would have 'nicknamed' him 'testimonies' for he had many!***

²¹ When Jesus had crossed over again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around Him; and so He stayed by the seashore. ²² One of the synagogue officials named Jairus came up, and on seeing Him, fell at His feet ²³ and implored Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death; please come and lay Your hands on her, so that she will get well and live." ²⁴ And He went off with him; and a large crowd was following Him and pressing in on Him. Mark 5:21-24 NASB

- ***What a day! Now they head back to the 'other side' of the sea where crowds had gathered.***
 - ***A synagogue official finds Jesus and does just what the demoniac did:***
 - ***He moves towards Him.***
 - ***He 'sees' Jesus.***
 - ***He falls before Him in worship.***
 - ***He tells Jesus of his daughter's illness and Jesus agrees to go with him to help the daughter.***

²⁵ A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, ²⁶ and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse— ²⁷ after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind Him and touched His cloak. ²⁸ For she thought, "If I just touch His garments, I will get well." ²⁹ Immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. ³⁰ Immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that the

power proceeding from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?"³¹ And His disciples said to Him, "You see the crowd pressing in on You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"³² And He looked around to see the woman who had done this.³³ But the woman fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.³⁴ And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your affliction." Mark 5:25-34 NASB

- ***They are moving through a 'pressing' crowd.***
 - ***A lady who had been suffering with a hemorrhage (non-stop bleeding) for twelve years was in the crowd.***
 - ***She had dealt with this ordeal and many doctors and had spent all her money only to grow worse overtime.***
 - ***She had heard things about Jesus, and she thought...she was saying to herself..." If I just touch His garment, I will be restored"...***
 - ***BOOM! She touched His garment, Jesus felt the power of God to heal go out from Him, and she feels the power of God enter her body and heal her.***
 - ***Jesus says... "Who touched My garments??"***
 - ***The disciples say..."There is a crowd...who didn't touch your garments!"***
 - ***The lady who got healed admits that she did it and told Him the whole story.***
 - ***Jesus says..."Daughter, your faith has made you well, go in peace and be healed of your sickness."***
 - ***He lovingly calls her 'daughter'...actually according to Jewish law, she was unclean and should not even have been there...and she was to touch no one because she could make them unclean, too. His***

referring to her as 'daughter' took care of all that and she was lovingly made whole.

³⁵ While He was still speaking, they came from the house of the synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the Teacher anymore?" ³⁶ But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid any longer, only believe." ³⁷ And He allowed no one to accompany Him, except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ They came to the house of the synagogue official; and He saw a commotion, and people loudly weeping and wailing. ³⁹ And entering in, He said to them, "Why make a commotion and weep? The child has not died, but is asleep." ⁴⁰ They began laughing at Him. But putting them all out, He took along the child's father and mother and His own companions, and entered the room where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking the child by the hand, He said to her, "Talitha kum!" (which translated means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). ⁴² Immediately the girl got up and began to walk, for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were completely astounded. ⁴³ And He gave them strict orders that no one should know about this, and He said that something should be given her to eat. Mark 56:35-43 NASB

- ***The woman with the hemorrhage was healed. Good news! But now some bad news...Jairus's daughter has died. (v34-35)***
 - ***Jesus takes only Peter, James and John with him... (a new 'inner circle') to Jairus's house. He tells Jairus..."Keep believing."***
 - ***Jesus tells the 'mourners' to "Be quiet...quit weeping, the girl is just asleep."***
 - ***The mourners laugh at Jesus and mock Him and He runs them out of the house.***
 - ***He takes His team and the parents to where the girl was, and He takes her hand and tells her to get up...AND SHE DID!***
 - ***Everyone was 'completely astounded.' (v42)***

- *'They were "besides themselves with astonishment". Weymouth*
- *"Amazed with great amazement." Wuest*
- *In v20 when the demoniac is delivered and healed, "everyone was amazed." NASB*
- *"The people were astonished and marveled." AMPC*
- *"They were all marveling." Transline NT*
- *"Utterly amazed." Beck*
- *"Instantly completely dumbfounded." Williams*
- *We could all use a 'fresh dose' of utter amazement!*
- *Signs and wonders initiate awe, wonder, and "profound confoundment."*
- *When 'impossibilities' get conquered then amazement, astonishment, wonder, and worship take over... (see I Corinthians 2:5-6)*

⁵ So that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men (human philosophy), but in the power of God. ⁶ Yet when we are among the full-grown (spiritually mature Christians who are ripe in understanding), we do impart a [higher] wisdom (the knowledge of the divine plan previously hidden); but it is indeed not a wisdom of this present age or of this world nor of the leaders and rulers of this age, who are being brought to nothing and are doomed to pass away. I Corinthians 2:5-6 AMPC

- *When God displays the beauty, the splendor of His limitless power, wonder is generated, and we are open to new discoveries of His goodness and new entries to worship...*

Mark 5:43 – He tells them not to say a word to anybody. Wow.

- *Jesus has just proved in these last encounters that He has power over nature (the storm), evil spirits, disease and death.*
 - *This is a lot 'not to talk about.'*
 - *To quote the 'Prophet Don Francisco' – I've got to tell somebody!*
 - *We need to be governed and empowered by His Spirit and His Word, We need the authority and certainty of His Word and the presence of His powerful Spirit.*

