

Jesus Casts Out Demons and Performs Miracles

Mark 5

In this chapter, we find Jesus confronting three different situations that result in His displaying authority over all things, spiritual and physical, and in people being completely restored. We can take great hope from reading this chapter and meditating on God's power displayed through His Son, which is still active in the world today.

There and Then

Outline:

An outline for Mark 5 is available on the [Downloads](#) page in the *Outlines / New Testament* folder.

People:

Jesus, Disciples, man from the tombs who was demon-possessed, herdsmen, people from surrounding area, Jairus, Jairus' daughter, woman with a hemorrhage, pressing crowd, Peter, James, John, mourners, Jairus' wife

Location:

Country of the Gerasenes - v. 1-20

Other side of the sea - v. 21-43

Context:

In chapter 4 Jesus was teaching in parables to a large crowd by the sea. After that Jesus and the disciples cross the sea and while crossing, a storm came up and the disciples became afraid while Jesus slept in the stern of the boat. The disciples then wake Him and he calms to sea by speaking—"Hush, be still." The disciple didn't know what to make of this event and wonder about Jesus' nature. Clearly this was a display of His power, simply speaking the words and it happened, not unlike when God spoke the world into existence.

In chapter 5 we will see Jesus continue to display His authority and power over all things in three encounters with people needing their lives changed by the God of the Universe.

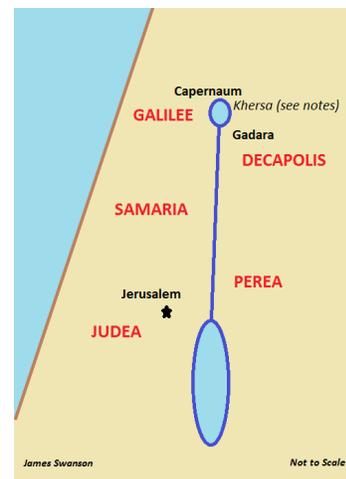
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Key Verse(s):

Mark 5:18-19 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."

Mark 5:33-34 But the woman fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came



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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."

Cross References¹:

5:6—bowed down before Him

Exodus 20:2-7 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. **3** "You shall have no other gods before Me. **4** "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. **5** "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, **6** but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. **7** "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

Deuteronomy 5:6-11 'I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. **7** 'You shall have no other gods before Me. **8** 'You shall not make for yourself an idol, *or* any likeness *of* what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. **9** 'You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the third and the fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, **10** but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. **11** 'You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

Matthew 2:2 "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."

Matthew 8:2 And a leper came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

Mark 1:40 And a leper *came to Jesus, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

Luke 5:12 While He was in one of the cities, behold, *there was* a man covered with leprosy; and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

Matthew 4:8-10 Again, the devil *took Him to a very high mountain and *showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; **9** and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." **10** Then Jesus *said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, **YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.**"

Matthew 9:18 While He was saying these things to them, a *synagogue* official came and bowed down before Him, and said, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live."

Matthew 14:31-33 Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and *said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" **32** When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. **33** And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are certainly God's Son!"

Matthew 15:25 But she came and *began* to bow down before Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

¹ (Smith 1083-1084)

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Matthew 28:9 And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him.

Luke 24:51-53 While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. **52** And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy, **53** and were continually in the temple praising God.

John 9:35-38 Jesus heard that they had put him out, and finding him, He said, "**Do you believe in the Son of Man?**" **36** He answered, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" **37** Jesus said to him, "**You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you.**" **38** And he said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped Him.

Acts 10:25-26 When Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and fell at his feet and worshiped *him*. **26** But Peter raised him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am *just* a man."

1 Corinthians 14:24-25 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an ungifted man enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all; **25** the secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you.

Hebrews 1:6 And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, "AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM."

Revelation 4:9-11 And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, **10** the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, **11** "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

Revelation 5:11-14 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, **12** saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing." **13** And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, *be* blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever." **14** And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Revelation 19:10 Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he *said* to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Revelation 22:8-9 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. **9** But he *said* to me, "Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God."

5:19—report to them

Psalms 66:16 Come *and* hear, all who fear God, And I will tell of what He has done for my soul.

Psalms 107:1-3 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, For His lovingkindness is everlasting. **2** Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so*, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary **3** And gathered from the lands, From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south.

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Daniel 4:1-3 Nebuchadnezzar the king to all the peoples, nations, and *men of every* language that live in all the earth: "May your peace abound! **2** "It has seemed good to me to declare the signs and wonders which the Most High God has done for me. **3** "How great are His signs And how mighty are His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom And His dominion is from generation to generation.

Daniel 4:37 "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride."

Daniel 6:25-27 Then Darius the king wrote to all the peoples, nations and *men of every* language who were living in all the land: "May your peace abound! **26** "I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel; For He is the living God and enduring forever, And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed, And His dominion *will be* forever. **27** "He delivers and rescues and performs signs and wonders In heaven and on earth, Who has *also* delivered Daniel from the power of the lions."

Luke 12:8-9 "And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God; **9** but he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

John 1:40-42 One of the two who heard John *speak* and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. **41** He *found first his own brother Simon and *said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means Christ). **42** He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "**You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas**" (which is translated Peter).

John 4:28-29 So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and *said to the men, **29** "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I *have* done; this is not the Christ, is it?"

Acts 4:19-20 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; **20** for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."

see Acts 22:1-21 & 26:4-29 for Paul's description of his conversion

2 Timothy 1:8-10 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with *me* in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, **9** who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, **10** but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

1 Peter 3:14-16 But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED, **15** but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; **16** and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame.

5:20—*began to proclaim*

Psalms 51:12-15 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit. **13** *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners will be converted to You. **14** Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation; *Then* my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness. **15** O Lord, open my lips, That my mouth may declare Your praise.

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Isaiah 38:9, 19-20 A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah after his illness and recovery ... **19** "It is the living who give thanks to You, as I do today; A father tells his sons about Your faithfulness. **20** "The LORD will surely save me; So we will play my songs on stringed instruments All *the* days of our life at the house of the LORD."

5:23—lay Your hands; **5:27**—touched; **5:41**—taking the child by the hand

Mark 6:5-6 And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. **6** And He wondered at their unbelief. And He was going around the villages teaching.

Mark 6:12-13 They went out and preached that *men* should repent. **13** And they were casting out many demons and were anointing with oil many sick people and healing them.

Mark 6:56 Wherever He entered villages, or cities, or countryside, they were laying the sick in the market places, and imploring Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were being cured.

Mark 8:25 Then again He laid His hands on his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and *began* to see everything clearly.

Mark 16:18 they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly *poison*, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

2 Kings 5:11-13 But Naaman was furious and went away and said, "Behold, I thought, 'He will surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper.' **12** "Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. **13** Then his servants came near and spoke to him and said, "My father, had the prophet told you *to do some* great thing, would you not have done *it*? How much more *then*, when he says to you, "Wash, and be clean?"

2 Kings 13:21 As they were burying a man, behold, they saw a marauding band; and they cast the man into the grave of Elisha. And when the man touched the bones of Elisha he revived and stood up on his feet.

Matthew 8:3 Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, "**I am willing; be cleansed.**" And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Matthew 9:18, 25 While He was saying these things to them, a *synagogue* official came and bowed down before Him, and said, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live." ... **25** But when the crowd had been sent out, He entered and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.

Matthew 14:35-36 And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent *word* into all that surrounding district and brought to Him all who were sick; **36** and they implored Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched *it* were cured.

Mark 1:30-31 Now Simon's mother-in-law was lying sick with a fever; and immediately they **spoke* to Jesus about her. **31** And He came to her and raised her up, taking her by the hand, and the fever left her, and she waited on them.

Luke 4:40 While the sun was setting, all those who had any *who were* sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and laying His hands on each one of them, He was healing them.

Luke 13:13 And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect again and

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began glorifying God.

Acts 5:14-15 And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to *their number*, **15** to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on any one of them.

Acts 8:17 Then they *began* laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.

Acts 9:11-12, 17-18 And the Lord *said* to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying, **12** and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight." ... **17** So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." **18** And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized;

Acts 9:40-41 But Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. **41** And he gave her his hand and raised her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

Acts 19:11-12 God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, **12** so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out.

Acts 28:8 And it happened that the father of Publius was lying *in bed* afflicted with *recurrent* fever and dysentery; and Paul went in *to see* him and after he had prayed, he laid his hands on him and healed him.

James 5:14-15 Is anyone among you sick? *Then* he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; **15** and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.

Difficulties:

Questions:

1. Why would Jesus instruct the formerly demon-possessed man to go and tell others about what had happened to him but then give strict orders that no one should tell about reviving Jairus's daughter, and He did with others He healed?
1. The **Bible Knowledge Commentary**² offers this: "Jesus did not want the miracle to attract people to Him for the wrong reasons." It points out that the reason for this is also seen in the reaction to the man healed of leprosy who was told not to tell anyone but then told everyone. The result is seen in 1:45.
 1. **Mark 1:45** But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the news around, to such an extent that Jesus could no longer publicly enter a city, but stayed out in unpopulated areas; and they were coming to Him from everywhere.

2 (Walvoord and Zuck) on Mark 5:43 & 1:43-45.

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2. **BKC** continues - “**As a result**, Jesus’ preaching ministry in the synagogues of Galilee (cf. [Mar 1:39](#)) was interrupted. He **could not enter a town openly** without encountering large crowds seeking special favors. Even when He withdrew to **lonely** (*erēmois*, “uninhabited, remote”; cf. [Mar 1:35](#)) **places... the people kept coming from all directions.**”
3. Jesus knew that His main purpose for coming was to preach ([Mar 1:38](#)) and that the miracles were only a confirming act but people tend to gravitate toward the immediate miracle rather than the message of the gospel.

The Gentile Gerasene would be preaching to people who were not Jesus' primary target audience (consider the Syrophenician Woman, [Mat 15:21-28](#), [Mar 7:24-30](#) and the Samaritan Woman, [John 4:7-45](#)), thus it was good for him to go and preach to others the good things that God had done for him. Which he did in the area of Decapolis and many were amazed at the things he reported about Jesus.

4. The **Baker New Testament Commentary**³ helps explain this relationship of God's focus of blessing on Israel and its eventual reach to the Gentile peoples as well.
 1. “Not even during the old dispensation were God's special blessings ever *absolutely* limited to the Jews. To a large extent, yes. This must be fully maintained. See [Psa 147:20](#); [Isa 5:4](#); [Amo 3:2](#). But in a totally unrestricted sense? Definitely not ([Luk 4:25-27](#)).
“That, on an increasing scale, with the coming of Christ the blessings granted to Israel were destined to reach the Gentiles was certainly known to Jesus. For the prophecies and, in certain cases, their explicit fulfillments, see [Gen 17:5](#) (cf. [Rom 4:17](#)); [Gen 22:18](#); [Gen 26:4](#); [Gen 28:14](#); [Psa 72:8-10](#); [Isa 11:10](#) (cf. [Rom 15:12](#)); [Isa 28:16](#) (cf. [Rom 10:11](#)); [Isa 54:1-3](#) (cf. [Gal 4:27](#)); [Isa 60:1-3](#); [Isa 65:1](#); and [Hos 2:23](#) (for both cf. [Rom 9:24-25](#)); [Joe 2:32](#) (cf. [Rom 10:12-13](#)); [Amo 9:11-12](#) (cf. [Act 15:15-18](#)); [Mic 4:1-3](#); [Mal 1:11](#).”
5. **BNTC** also offers this as a practical lesson to consider especially when you connect it back to the Gerasene who proclaimed what Jesus had done for him: “If a woman born a Gentile put her little knowledge of the Lord to such good advantage, what is required of those who have received far greater privileges?”

Notes & Commentaries:

Baker New Testament Commentaries⁴

[Mar 5:1](#). And they came to the opposite side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. The original as represented by *The Greek New Testament*, edited by Kurt Aland, Matthew Black, Bruce M. Metzger, and Allen Wikgren has *Gadarenes* in [Mat 8:28](#); *Gerasenes* here in [Mar 5:1](#); and *Gergesenes* in [Luk 8:26](#). In each case variant readings are recognized in the footnotes. In order to locate the place where Jesus landed, a description as given in the Gospels ([Mat 8:28](#), [Mat 8:32](#); [Mar 5:2](#), [Mar 5:13](#); and [Luk 8:27](#), [Luk 8:33](#)) is helpful. We learn that it was a region of caves used as tombs, and that a steep hill descended sharply to the very edge of the water. This description does not fit Gerasa, a town situated at least thirty miles to the south-southeast of the Sea of Galilee. It does, however, suit *Khersa*, which could very well be indicated as the town inhabited by the Gerasenes or Gergesenes. If it be assumed that the larger city of Gadara (also on the sketch), mainly located a few miles southeast of the sea but

³ (Hendriksen) on Mark 7:27.

⁴ (Hendriksen) on Mark 5:1.

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extending all the way to the shore, was, as it were, the capital of the entire district to which Khera belonged, the various geographical designations begin to make sense. Moreover, at Khera, situated on the eastern shore, about six miles diagonally (oversea) southeast of Capernaum, there is indeed a hill descending sharply to the edge of the water. There are also many caves—evident even today—suitable for tombs.

Wiersbe⁵

5:1-20—on the men being demon-possessed - Satan tried to destroy these men, but Jesus came to deliver them. By the power of His Word, He cast out the demons and set the men free. Demons even believe in prayer, for they begged Jesus not to send them into the abyss, the place of torment (Mark 5:7; Luke 8:31). It is encouraging to note that the demons did not know what Jesus planned to do. This suggests that Satan can know God's plans only if God reveals them. In fact, there is no evidence in Scripture that Satan can read the mind of a believer, let alone the mind of God.

5:1-20—on Jesus sending the demons into the pigs - “ ... For one thing, by doing it that way, Jesus gave proof to all the spectators that a miracle of deliverance had really taken place. The destruction of the pigs also gave assurance to the two men that the unclean spirits were actually gone. But more than anything else, the drowning of the 2,000 swine was a vivid object lesson to this Christ-rejecting crowd that, to Satan, a pig is as good as a man! In fact, Satan will make a man into a pig! The Lord was warning the citizens against the powers of sin and Satan. It was a dramatic sermon before their very eyes: ‘The wages of sin is death!’”

5:1-20—on telling the man to stay and proclaim - “Why did Jesus not permit the healed demoniac to follow Him? The man's request was certainly motivated by loved the Lord Jesus, and what a testimony he had! But Jesus knew that the man's place was in his own home, with his loved ones, where he could bear witness to the Saviour. After all, effective Christian living must begin at home where people know us the best. If we honor God there, then we can consider offering ourselves for service elsewhere. This man became one of the earliest missionaries to the Gentiles. Jesus had to leave, but the man remained and bore faithful witness to the grace and power of Jesus Christ. We trust that many of these Gentiles believed on the Saviour through his witness.”

5:21-34—on the contrast of Jairus and the woman with a hemorrhage - “The contrast between these two needy people is striking and reveals the wideness of Christ's love and mercy.”

Jairus & his daughter	Woman with a hemorrhage	Jesus' response
Jairus, a synagogue official	A virtual nobody	“Jesus welcomed and helped both of them”
Jairus' daughter gave him 12 years of happiness	Had hemorrhage for 12 years of sorrow	
Jairus was probably wealthy but couldn't save	Had given her money to doctors but wasn't cured	

5:21-34—on the faith of the woman - “There is a good lesson here for all of us. Not everyone has the same degree of faith, but Jesus responds to faith no matter how feeble it might be. When we believe, He shares His power with us and something happens in our lives. There were many other in that crowd who were close to Jesus and even pressing against Him, but they experienced no miracles. Why? Because they did not have faith. It is one thing to throng Him and quite something else to trust Him.”

5 (Wiersbe 125-129) on Mark 5.

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5:21-34—on *Jesus' immediate, public response to the woman* - “For one thing, He did it for her own sake. He wanted to be to her something more than a healer: He wanted to be her Saviour and Friend as well. He wanted her to look into His face, feel His tenderness, and hear His loving words of assurance. By the time He finished speaking to her, she experienced something more than physical healing. He called her “daughter” and sent her on her way with a benediction of peace (Mark 5:34). To 'be made whole' meant much more than receiving mere physical healing. Jesus had given her spiritual healing as well!

Psalms 107:2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so*, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary ... **20** He sent His word and healed them. ... **21** Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men!

5:35-43—on *Jairus' coming to Jesus* - “It was not easy for Jairus to come to Jesus publicly and ask for His help. The religious leaders who were opposed to Jesus would certainly not approve, nor would some of the other synagogue leaders. ... But Jairus was desperate, as many people are when they come to Jesus. He would rather lose his friends and save his beloved daughter.”

5:35-43—on *Jesus' three recorded responses* - “ ... But Jesus assured him, 'Be not afraid, go on believing’ (literal translation). In other words, 'You had a certain amount of faith when you came to Me, and your faith was helped when you saw what I did for that woman. Don't quit! Keep on believing!’” ... “The child is not dead but sleeps!’ were our Lord's words of hope to Jairus and his wife.” [see verses below on a person's spirit and death] ... “*Talitha cumi* is Aramaic for 'Little girl, get up!' Jesus added, 'I say unto thee' (with the emphasis on the *I*), because it was by His authority that her spirit returned to her body (Like 8:55). The words were not some magic formula that anybody might use to raise the dead.”

To the believer, the body rests until the resurrection - **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** **13** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. **14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. **15** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. **18** Therefore comfort one another with these words.

In death, the spirit leaves the body - **James 2:26** For just as the body without *the* spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

In death, the spirit goes to be with the Lord - **Philippians 1:20-23** according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but *that* with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. **21** For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. **22** But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. **23** But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better;

Body sleeps, waiting for the Lord's return & resurrection - **1 Corinthians 15:51-58** Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, **52** in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. **53** For this

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perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. ⁵⁵ "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; ⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in vain* in the Lord.

Summary - "Yes, God's Servant is the conqueror over danger, demons, disease, and death. ... This does not mean that God *always* must rescue His people from danger (see Acts 12) or heal every affliction (see 2 Cor. 12:1-10); but it does mean that He holds the ultimate authority and that we need never fear. We are "more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Rom. 8:37).

Here and Now

Answer the questions below as you reflect on your own life and this study⁶: *my LOG vs others SPECK*

S – Are there *sins* to avoid or confess?

- Are there times I cease believing in the face of discouraging news?

P – Are there *promises* from God to claim?

- Go on believing!

E – Are there *examples* to follow?

Positive to emulate

- The renewed Gerasene - proclaiming "what great things Jesus had done for him" in Decapolis
- The woman with a hemorrhage not turning away in fear but seeking after Jesus' healing and unexpected restoration.
- Jairus coming to Jesus in the face of possible opposition from friends and colleagues

Negative to avoid

- Residents asking Jesus to leave their region after casting out the demons
- Mourners who mocked Jesus' claim that the girl was only sleeping

C – Are there *commands* to obey?

- [Mark 5:19](#) 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."

K – How can this passage increase my *knowledge* about God / Jesus Christ / Holy Spirit?

- Clearly Jesus demonstrates His power over anything that hinder or bind us - demons, disease, or death - and can restore a person completely!

⁶ (*The Navigators*) [with additions] & Matthew 7:1-5.

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Other Application Questions

Are there principles to guide?

Are there warnings to heed?

Are there attitudes to adopt?

Are there actions to take?

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Words Used in Mark 5⁷

JESUS	9	HOUSE	2	DEATH	1	LAUGHING	1	RUSHED	1
BEGAN	5	IMPLORED	2	DECAPOLIS	1	LAY	1	SAW	1
CROWD	5	JAMES	2	DEMONS	1	LEAVE	1	SCREAMING	1
IMMEDIATELY	5	LEGION	2	DESCRIBED	1	LIVE	1	SEASHORE	1
ONE	5	NAME	2	DISCIPLES	1	LONGER	1	SEEN	1
CHILD	4	PRESSING	2	DISTANCE	1	LOOKED	1	SHOUTING	1
SAYING	4	RAN	2	DRIED	1	LORD	1	SITTING	1
SWINE	4	SEEING	2	DROWNED	1	LOUD	1	SOMETHING	1
SYNAGOGUE	4	SEND	2	DWELLING	1	LOUDLY	1	SON	1
AROUND	3	SHACKLES	2	EAT	1	MEANS	1	SPEAKING	1
BOAT	3	SIDE	2	ENDURED	1	MERCY	1	SPENT	1
COUNTRY	3	SPIRIT	2	ENTER	1	MET	1	SPIRITS	1
DAUGHTER	3	THINGS	2	ENTERING	1	MIGHT	1	SPOKEN	1
DEMON-POSSESSED	3	TWELVE	2	EVERYONE	1	MIND	1	STAYED	1
HAPPENED	3	YEARS	2	EXCEPT	1	MOTHER	1	STEEP	1
IMPLORE	3	AFRAID	1	FAITH	1	MOUNTAIN	1	STONES	1
LARGE	3	ALLOWED	1	FATHER	1	MOUNTAINS	1	STRICT	1
OFFICIAL	3	AMAZED	1	FEARING	1	NAMED	1	STRONG	1
PEOPLE	3	ASKING	1	FEEDING	1	NEARBY	1	SUBDUE	1
SEA	3	ASLEEP	1	FEET	1	NIGHT	1	TAKING	1
TOMBS	3	ASTOUNDED	1	FELT	1	OBSERVED	1	TALITHA	1
TOUCHED	3	AWARE	1	FLOW	1	OFFICIALS	1	TEACHER	1
UNCLEAN	3	BANK	1	FOLLOWING	1	OFTEN	1	THOUGHT	1
WOMAN	3	BECAME	1	FRIGHTENED	1	OLD	1	THOUSAND	1
ACCOMPANY	2	BEHIND	1	GASHING	1	ORDERS	1	TOLD	1
AFFLICTION	2	BEING	1	GATHERED	1	OVERHEARING	1	TOOK	1
ANYMORE	2	BELIEVE	1	GERASENES	1	OWN	1	TORMENT	1
AWAY	2	BIND	1	GETTING	1	PEACE	1	TORN	1
CHAINS	2	BLOOD	1	GIVEN	1	PERCEIVING	1	TOUCH	1
COMMOTION	2	BODY	1	GONE	1	PERMISSION	1	TRANSLATED	1
DIED	2	BOUND	1	GROWN	1	PETER	1	TREMBLING	1
EARNESTLY	2	BOWED	1	HAND	1	PHYSICIANS	1	TROUBLE	1
ENTERED	2	BROKEN	1	HEARING	1	PIECES	1	TRUTH	1
FELL	2	BROTHER	1	HELPED	1	POINT	1	TURNED	1
GARMENTS	2	BUSINESS	1	HEMORRHAGE	1	POWER	1	TWO	1
GAVE	2	CHAIN	1	HERDSMEN	1	PROCEEDING	1	VOICE	1
GIRL	2	CITY	1	HIGH	1	PROCLAIM	1	WAILING	1
GOD	2	CLOAK	1	HOME	1	PUTTING	1	WALK	1
GOT	2	CLOTHED	1	IMPLORING	1	RATHER	1	WEEP	1
GREAT	2	COMPANIONS	1	JAIRUS	1	REGION	1	WEEPING	1
HANDS	2	COMPLETELY	1	JOHN	1	REPORT	1	WHOLE	1
HEALED	2	CONSTANTLY	1	JUST	1	REPORTED	1	WORSE	1
HERD	2	CROSSED	1	KNOW	1	RIGHT	1		
HIMSELF	2	DAY	1	KUM	1	ROOM	1		

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