

Mark 5

LW – Parables, Famous Account of Jesus/Disciples/Boat

TW – Miracles

V1-20

* **Map** - On East side of the Sea of Galilee – Gadarenes (Mk/Lk), (NU=Gerasenes), (Mt=Gergesenes)

* Man w/Unclean Spirit – V18 = Demon-possessed (Spirit Filled/Led; What kind of Spirit?!)

Observation #1 – The man’s life

* Dwelling among tombs/dead; Often Bound w/Chains/Shackles; No one could bind/tame him;

* Day/Night Crying Out (in Agony) & Cutting Himself (Inflicting Pain on Himself)

Application - Is this person addicted to drugs, alcohol, Tormented because demon-possessed – Yes!?!...

* No shackles, chains, or prison cells have the power to “bind” or “tame” a man in such condition

* But one encounter with Jesus can set a person free!

Observation #2 - Jesus comes on the scene

* Dialogue becomes a little convoluted – who is speaking when...

* Who is the “he” when he came and worshipped, When he cried out..., When he answered My name/Legion?

* There is a struggle within this man – He wants out, or He wants what’s in him out – All man’s help can’t

Application – But Jesus commands the demons to come out, and they must!

Observation #3 – They pleaded with Him to depart from their region.

Application - **John 3:19-21** – (20) Everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds be exposed.

Observation #4 - See three things:

1. The Demons – Worked themselves out of a job! Man – Drove him to life! The swine – drove them to death!

John 10:10a - The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

2. Jesus – He accomplished His job!

John 10:10b - I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

3. The Man – He got a new job! V19!!!

* If you are controlled by powers greater than you, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, lying, lust, hatred

* It causes you to live/dwell alone, or only where others like you dwell, away/from/those/love you, care for you

* You find yourself crying out day/night; Continually inflicting great pain upon yourself; including cutting your self

* Caused you to rebuff, reject, refuse help to bind you/tame you – keep you from hurting yourself/others

* Or If you know of someone like this...

* There is another life for you, a life of love, peace, joy & **Freedom** from shackles of sin, satan, -

* Jesus can come upon the scene, Jesus can take authority, Jesus can bring victory, Jesus can set you free!!!

John 8:36 ³⁶Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Read V21-43

V21-24

Observation #1 – Opposite Side/Lake, Man Opposite Side/Spectrum/Life

* Demon-possessed man – comes and worships him; Jairus/Ruler of Synagogue – comes and falls at His feet

* Notice – Just as Jesus immediately engaged Demon-possessed Man, He engages Deeply Religious Man

Application – Men on opposite ends of Spectrum of Life - Both w/Same Need!

V25-34

Observation #1

- * Woman with great need – “It is most perfectly credible that she spent all that she had. She was therefore a fit patient for the Great Physician.” Adam Clarke
- * HEARD about Jesus, she comes BEHIND Him in the crowd & TOUCHES Garment
- * She HEARD about Jesus – WHAT did she HEAR? Whatever it was, it caused her to have faith in Him!
- * She said, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.”

Application

- * When we share our story, “the great things that the Lord has done for us, how he has had compassion on us”
- * It can bring people to a place of faith – Maybe sneaking in BEHIND, purposefully just before the service starts, so as not to run into anyone, BEHIND everyone, sitting in the back row, so they won’t be noticed...
- * Because what they heard you tell them about Jesus, They can have faith to bring their Great Need to Jesus!
- * Jesus knows you are here, He knows your needs, knows you desire His power, He knows you desire his touch
- * What did He give her? Physical Healing, Yes! But more – He gave her Peace! One day everyone will die...

Hebrews 9:27-28 ²⁷And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, ²⁸so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

John 14:27 ²⁷Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

V35-43

Observation #1

- * As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken – He Spoke – “Don’t be afraid; only Believe!”
- * Jesus did not want the reality of the facts to cause this man to fear & rob him of his faith V22-23!
- * Basically Jesus said, “Now it is time to put your faith into Action! Turn that Noun/Faith into Verb/Believe!”

Application

- * It is one thing to know. To possess a faith in Jesus. It is a whole another thing to Believe in Him!
- * When we are slapped in the face with the facts, Tempted to Fear, Immediately allow Jesus to Speak
- * Allow His Word to Build our Faith and Move us to Action – which is To Believe!

Observation #2

- * Jesus says the child is not dead, but sleeping – They ridicule Him!
- * He pays no attention to them and raises her up!
- * Now what is real & who looks ridiculous!

Application

- * They said she was dead, Jesus said she was alive – They said that is foolish!
- * World says were Alive, The Bible says we are dead in our sins – They say that is foolish!
- * Who are you going to believe?

1 Corin 1:18-25 ¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God... ²⁵Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

John 14:1-3 Quotes Jesus as saying one day, He is coming back for all those who believe in Him, Everyone else is going to be Left Behind – Believe me, There are going to be many who are going to be looking foolish!

Conclusion

- #1 What did the Demon-possessed Man need? Program – Jesus! Gave him Freedom!
- #2 What did the Woman with the physical infirmity need? Mayo Clinic – Jesus! Gave her Peace!
- #3 What did Jairus/Daughter need? EMT’s? – Jesus! Gave her life!
- #4 What do You and I need? - Jesus! Freedom, Peace, Life!