

The Gospel of Mark

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III. Galilean Period (1.14-9.50) A. Around the Sea of Galilee (1.14-5.43) (pt. 5)

^{Mark 5.1}Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. ²And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, ³who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, ⁴because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. ⁵And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.

⁶When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. ⁷And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me."

⁸For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!" ⁹Then He asked him, "What is your name?"

And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many." ¹⁰Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country.

¹¹Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. ¹²So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them." ¹³And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.

¹⁴So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ¹⁶And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine. ¹⁷Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region.

¹⁸And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. ¹⁹However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." ²⁰And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

²¹Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. ²²And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet ²³and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live." ²⁴So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.

Natural or supernatural???? The nature of possession....

Do demons worship? What is worship?

Why is this the highest blasphemy?

Why does He ask the demon's name? What's in a name?

Why does the demon answer?

Cf. Luke 8.31; out of the country = into the abyss.

This was the region ruled by Philip the Tetrarch and the swine may have been owned by Jews. Why did they want to enter the swine only in order to kill them? Demons often act irrationally.

Incontestable first hand witness.

The freeing of the man meant nothing to them compared to the loss of their swine, even if keeping swine was a violation of God's Law.

Why does he permit this witness?

What are synagogue rulers?

Need and a crowd congregate about Jesus.

²⁵Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years,
²⁶and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.
²⁷When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. ²⁸For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

²⁹Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. ³⁰And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"

³¹But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' "

³²And He looked around to see her who had done this thing.

³³But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

³⁵While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

³⁶As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe."

³⁷And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. ³⁸Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. ³⁹When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping."

⁴⁰And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying. ⁴¹Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." ⁴²Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement. ⁴³But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.

About physicians....

"Kept on saying...."this great issue to me is a small thing to Him. If I only touch His garment... her faith speaks.

Is this healing performed "automatically" because she touched Him or was it His will and determination to help her when she touched His garment? Was the touch necessary? Was the touch presumptuous? Did Jesus not know who touched Him and thus needed to know, or was His identifying her for HER OWN SAKE?

Jesus explains the need of faith in order to receive Christ and His benefits and that all we could ever need or want is given to faith by Christ.

Once again; the relationship of fear and faith. What is it? Why does he permit three witnesses to this resurrection?

Christ's treatment by unbelievers. What does Jesus do with unbelievers?

The means of Christ's blessing is His Word.

Why the return to the Messianic Secret? Whose resurrection will Jesus permit to be proclaimed? Why?