

Gospel of Mark – Lesson Four

Chapter Five

I. Mark 5 – Faith (At the Feet of Jesus)

A. The Demoniac – v. 1-20

He was drawn to Jesus, yet afraid of Him.

He fell at His feet.

He was a social outcast. The mentally ill were considered unclean.

Roman legion = 6000 men

The demons feared Jesus would throw them into the abyss (the bottomless pit)

- Rev 9: 1-2, 11
- Rev 20 – where Satan is bound for 1000 years
- = eternal torment
- They knew who Jesus was and His power over them

What did Jesus accomplish by sending the demons into the pigs?

- Demonstrated that demons are real and that deliverance is genuine
- Gave proof that Satan is a destroyer. – Man is no different than an animal to Satan.
- Revealed the spiritual condition of the people in that district.
 1. Mostly gentiles in that region.
 2. They would rather have their swine than a Savior
 3. Money was more important than healing or salvation.

How do you respond to social outcasts?

Blackaby (p 80) :“Religious people today are often surprised to learn about the kinds of people they should reach out and touch. Sometimes we don’t want to go near such people. Sometimes we don’t know what to do or are unintentionally condescending when we try to help. Jesus shows us how to live lives motivated by compassion. The example Jesus set eliminates our excuses for

allowing any barrier to separate us from those in need. No person is beyond Christ's loving touch.

What kinds of people could be considered outcasts today? How can we show concern and care for them?

B. Jairus - v. 21-21, 35-43

- Was a ruler of the synagogue
- Humbled himself – "Fell at His feet."
- Everything seemed to be falling apart
 1. His friends discouraged him. Told him to give up.
 2. Jesus encouraged him to believe.

What was the purpose in this girl living?

- The girl was 12 years old = the age of maturity or fulfillment (coming of age)
- Satan tried to rob her of her fulfillment
- Jesus proved that Life and Death are in God's hands.

Do you feel you are being held back or stopped in some way from fulfilling the reason you are on the earth?

Trust God to awaken you to be able to live in the fullness He has for you.

This girl was also an outcast. It was unlawful to touch a dead body. Jesus saw her as only asleep. He recognized the life in her.

Do we recognize the life potential in others?

C. The Suffering Woman – v 24-34

- She suffered for 12 years (Same years the daughter of Jairus lived.)
- Suffering brought her discomfort and discouragement.
- Suffering kept her from worshipping in the temple
 1. She also was an outcast.
 2. Her illness cost her all her wealth.

3. She endured much at the hands of doctors.

- No one stepped aside for her. She had to press in.
- She humbled herself and fell at Jesus' feet
- Jesus encouraged her to confess what happened to give glory to God.
- The healing of this woman should have encouraged Jairus as he waited.

Are we able to encourage others by the confession of our mouths? As we give glory to God, others gain faith and hope.

Do you press in to Jesus when you desperately need healing or another need?