



# Mark Chapter 5

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# Demon Possessed Man

(Mark 5: 1-20)

- **Demon possession** is an **extreme** form of evil completely controlling a person's mind, body and voice and is **beyond demonic influences** in society in the form of error, lies, false religion, etc. Related to sin and judgement.
- Scripture speaks of demons to demonstrate the infinitely greater power of God (Eph. 1:21 "...far above all principality and power and might and dominion, ).
- **Believers in Jesus have no need to fear demon possession** because they have the Holy Spirit indwelling. "Greater is He that is in you than he who is in the world." (1 John 4:4). On contrary, believers have power over them (3:15; 6:7)
- This passage shows Satan's destructive power over humans and the potential danger of what sin and Satan can do to a person if we let it get a foothold in our lives. But it also shows us that there is no case too hard for Jesus.
- Scripture warns that in end times people will depart from the faith by listening to "seducing spirits" (1 Tim. 4:1-2). John 4:1-3 instructs Christians to "test the spirits" to see if they are from God, and in Mark 13:22 Jesus warns that false christs will perform "signs and wonders" to deceive.

# Demons in Bible Context

- **Gen 3:15** – Messiah would crush the serpent's head
- **1 John 3:8** – New Testament fulfillment of Gen 3:15 – “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.
- John 12:31; 16:11; Matthew 25:41 – Satan will be judged & thrown into the lake of fire
- **Romans 16:20** “And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.”
- **Luke 11:20-22** “But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.”
- **James 2:19** “You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!”
- **Eph. 6:12**
- **John 8:44, John 4:4; 5:18**
- Jesus in all His miracles is proving He is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in addition to demonstrating His power over Nature, Death and Disease, He must **demonstrate His power of the Spiritual Realm.**
- **We are in a Spiritual War**

• REMEMBER:

- THESE DEMON PASSAGES IN MARK ARE “**TEACHINGS**” FOR US TO LEARN FROM. (Mark 1:21, 27)...
- “lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.” 2 Cor. 2:11

## (Mark 5: 1-20)

# Characteristics of the Demon Possessed Man

- Mark describes the demon possessed man as having:
  - **supernatural strength** (broke chains & shackles)
  - living among the tombs **naked** (Luke 8:27), sign of evil/perversion
  - always **screaming** and **cutting himself** with stones.
- The demon possessed man ran to Jesus and worshipped Him and called Him **“Jesus, Son of the Most High God”**. Not only did the demons believe in Jesus and His authority over them, but they knew of their coming judgement.
  - Some of the highest Christology in Mark comes from Demons: “Holy One of God” (1:24); “Son of God” (3:11) and now the highest of all “Son of the Most High God” – Demons know the orthodox truth about Jesus, Salvation, Judgement and Hell – they are not liberal biblical interpreters.
- This supernatural strength of the man recalls Jesus’ description about the “stronger one” (Jesus) binding the **“strong man”** (Satan: Mark 3:27), and now Jesus demonstrates His power as the “Stronger One”.
- **Mark says three times that no human power was able to restrain him**, and it was not just a battle with one demon (as in Mark 1:23-26), but with a Legion of demons (a Roman military term for 6,000 men) and by implication with Satan himself.

## (Mark 5: 1-20)

# Jesus' Power over Demons

- Jesus is in **complete control**, and the demons disclose their name at His **command** and only go into the pigs because Jesus **“gave them permission”** (Mark 5: 13).
- Jesus' control over demons was also shown in the synagogue in Mark 1: 27 **“What is this...He commands the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.”**. While others attempted exorcisms, not many could do it (Acts 19:13-16).
- Of all biblical accounts where demons are confronted and cast out, this is the most dramatic scene other than when God cast out Satan and his rebellious angels (Rev. 12:7-12).
- This exorcism is similar to the one in Mark 1:23-26 (i.e. loud cry and acknowledgement of who Jesus is), however, Jesus' awesome power is emphasized even further by the description of the man's state before and afterwards.
- The outcast man is now **restored** and sat **“clothed and in his right mind”**.

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# The 2,000 Pigs – Possible Interpretation

- The violent end of the large herd of 2,000 pigs seems odd since Jesus talked with the demons, however, it is important to note that it was the demons who begged to go into the swine.
- Jesus “gave them permission”, showing that the demons knew Jesus could have sent them somewhere even worse, however, their new home in the pigs was short lived, thereby showing this wasn’t Jesus negotiating, but teaching us a lesson.
- It could be that Jesus wanted the disciples (and us) to learn the murderous intent of the forces of evil, and that the impact on the pigs (physical death) is a picture of their impact on man (spiritual death), and only Jesus has the power to overcome this.
- Jesus thought it more important to teach us this lesson about evil powers, so that we will believe and be saved, than to spare 2,000 pigs.

## Reaction of the Man vs. the People

- The **Demon possessed man** “**begged**” Jesus if he could go with Him.
  - The **People** “**pleaded**” with Jesus to leave (afraid of Him)
  - The **Demon** “**begged**” Jesus to not cast them out of the country
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- Jesus refused the man’s request and told him “**Go home to your friends and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had compassion on you.**” (his testimony – are we unashamed to tell others of all the great things the Lord has done for us?).
  - Pleaded & Begged when translated mean the same. While the demons were right to beg Jesus not to destroy them, the townspeople were wrong, and committed the same sin as the scribes in Mark 3:22. It may be they were upset for losing such a large herd of pigs, or that they (unrepentant sinners) were afraid of further punishment on themselves.
  - Jesus breaks with the Messianic secret and tells the man to go and tell others. Maybe because He was in a Gentile (pig keeping) region where there would be no risk of a false Messianic movement starting, and also due to the miracle being an exorcism rather than a healing.



# Satan, Pharmaceuticals & the State of Society

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- The characteristics of the demoniac of Mark 5 is remarkably similar to drug addicts.
- The Bible indicates there is a relationship to sorcery, witchcraft and **MIND ALTERING** drugs.
- Drugs, Alcohol, sex and pornography obsession all have the ability to change the neural pathways in the brain (Neuroplasticity), thereby weakening one's ability to use their mind for spiritual warfare (i.e. capturing thoughts, renewing their mind, etc.).
- Mental illness, cutting, suicide, depression/isolation, extreme violence rates in society are increasing rapidly.
- **Rev. 18:23 & Gal. 5:19** contain the Greek word "**Pharmakeia**" meaning: sorcery, witchcraft, magic, potions, often involving medication and drugs.
- **Rev. 22:15** contains the Greek word "Pharmakeus" meaning: sorcerer, magician, pharmacist.
- The pharmacy industry is named after this Greek word Pharmakeia and in there are currently over **50%** of the population are on some form of Antidepressant or Opioid (mind altering drugs).
- **Vaccines now use "a radically new approach" using unethical ingredients** such as aborted fetal tissues and animal cells that contain introduce foreign DNA into patients. (see link)
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db283.pdf> - **12.7% of people over 12 take Anti-Depressants**
  - <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/more-than-one-third-americans-prescribed-opioids-in-2015/> - **38% of the Population took a prescribed Opioid in 2015!**
  - <https://www.pharmaceutical-journal.com/news-and-analysis/news/antidepressants-associated-with-increased-risk-of-suicidal-thoughts-in-healthy-adults/20201834.article?firstPass=false>
  - <https://nationalpost.com/health/canadian-children-now-take-far-more-mood-altering-drugs> (253 antipsychotic prescriptions per 1,000 kids < 18)
  - <https://www.who.int/biologicals/areas/vaccines/dna/en/> - **Vaccines as described on WHO Website**
  - [Dr. Carrie Madej: First U.S. Lab Examines "Vaccine" Vials, HORRIFIC Findings Revealed \(rumble.com\)](#) – **Life Form found in Lab Results of Vaccine**
  - [THE HUMAN TEMPLES OF BAAL - Revelations of Jesus Christ Ministries](#) – Vaccine Chimeras – Animal DNA

# Jairus' Daughter Raised from the Dead & the Bleeding Woman Healed

(Mark 5: 21-43)

- These two miracles, death and disease, are sandwiched, revealing an amazing comparison and contrast for us to learn from, and how Jesus made the influential Jairus wait, stretching his faith even more, and gave priority to the poor suffering woman to both heal and talk to her.
- **Differences** between Jairus and the Bleeding woman
  - Jairus is a synagogue leader in Capernaum, making him **wealthy, honorable and respected**,
  - Bleeding Woman is **poor, rejected, unclean** and therefore excommunicated from the synagogue (Lev. 15:19-33).
  - Jairus' daughter was 12 years old, the year a girl becomes a woman in Jewish custom at that time, indicating Jairus had the blessing of **12 years of joy** with his daughter.
  - Bleeding woman had **12 years of suffering** with a terrible affliction (disease and sin).
- **Similarities** of the two cases:
  - Both **fell at Jesus' feet** (fully surrendered, begging for mercy in hopeless situations),
  - Both were **very determined** (Jairus was unashamed to fall down and plead to Jesus even though the other religious leaders did not believe in Jesus, and the woman broke the law by sneaking up and touching Jesus while she was ceremonially "unclean" – like a leper).
  - Both showed incredible **faith** that Jesus could heal them (i.e. even by just the touch of his cloak).
  - Both experienced the **physical touch** of Jesus.

# Jairus' Daughter & the Bleeding Woman

## THE POWER OF FAITH!!

- The disciples wondered how Jesus could know who had touched Him in the crowd, but the woman volunteered the truth, “**fearing and trembling**”.
- Jesus’ beautiful and touching words to the woman “**Daughter, your faith has made you well**” reveal the endearing identity of the woman in Jesus’ eyes, as His **daughter**, and showed that Jesus cared more for her needs at that time than the apparently more urgent need of Jairus’ daughter who was dying.
- Even though Jairus appeared to have as much faith as the woman, his daughter now died, and Jairus would require even more faith that Jesus’ could not only heal the sick, but resurrect the dead to life.
- There were only **3 documented examples of Jesus raising the dead** and this is the first in Mark (others are: Son of the Widow from Nain – Luke 7:11-15; and Lazarus – John 11: 1-44).
- Jesus then gives Jairus and all of us the most powerful words of advice: “**Do not be afraid; only believe**”.
- Those who refused to believe and laughed at Jesus calling the girl “asleep” were left on the “**outside**” and only the “**insiders**” (disciples and parents; the believers) were allowed to see what He did.
- Jesus tells them not to tell anyone what had happened (Messianic Secret again), and to give the “**little girl**” something to eat (Compassion).