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## Mark 5

### Mark 5:1-20

They came to the other side of the sea, into the region of the Gerasenes. And when He got out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him. He lived among the tombs, and no one was able to bind him anymore, not even with a chain, because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him. Constantly, night and day, he was

screaming among the tombs and in the mountains, and cutting himself with stones. Seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him; and shouting with a loud voice, he said, "What business do You have with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!" For He had already been saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" And He was asking him, "What is your name?" And he said to Him, "My name is Legion; for we are many." And he begged Him earnestly not to send them out of the region. Now there was a large herd of pigs feeding nearby on the mountain. And the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us into the pigs so that we may enter them." Jesus gave them permission. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the pigs; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand of them; and they were drowned in the sea. Their herdsmen ran away and reported it in the city and in the countryside; and the people came to see what it was that had happened. And then they came to Jesus and saw the man who had been demon-possessed sitting down, clothed and in his right mind—the very man who had previously had the "Legion"; and they became frightened. Those who had seen it described to them how it had happened to the demon-possessed man, and all about the pigs. And they began to beg Him to leave their region. And as He was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed was begging Him that he might accompany Him. 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." And he went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

† The man with "Legion" represented Israel under bondage to spiritual corruption, powerless to free itself.

† Jesus' authority over thousands of demons revealed the kingdom's victory over Satan.

† The destruction of the pigs pictured unclean Gentile power

falling before Christ's reign.

### **Mark 5:21-34**

When Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around Him; and He stayed by the seashore. And one of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came, and upon seeing Him, fell at His feet and pleaded with Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death; please come and lay Your hands on her, so that she will get well and live." And He went off with him; and a large crowd was following Him and pressing in on Him. A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but instead had become worse—after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind Him and touched His cloak. For she had been saying to herself, "If I just touch His garments, I will get well." And immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that power from Him had gone out, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?" And His disciples said to Him, "You see the crowd pressing in on You, and yet You say, 'Who touched Me?'" And He looked around to see the woman who had done this. But the woman, fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be cured of your disease."

† The woman's twelve years of bleeding symbolized Israel's uncleanness under the law.

† Her faith brought immediate healing, showing the kingdom's power to cleanse and restore.

† Jesus called her "daughter," affirming covenant inclusion through faith.

## **Mark 5:35-43**

While He was still speaking, people came from the house of the synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; why bother the Teacher further?" But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid, only believe." And He allowed no one to accompany Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the synagogue official, and He saw a commotion, and people loudly weeping and wailing. And after entering, He said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child has not died, but is asleep." And they began laughing at Him. But putting them all outside, He took along the child's father and mother and His own companions, and entered the room where the child was. And taking the child by the hand, He said to her, "Talitha, kum!" (which translated means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). And immediately the girl got up and began to walk, for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were completely astonished. And He gave them strict orders that no one was to know about this, and He said that something should be given her to eat.

† The raising of Jairus' daughter revealed Jesus' power over death itself.

† His words, "Do not be afraid, only believe," pointed to faith as the key to kingdom life.

† The resurrection of a twelve-year-old daughter paralleled the healing of the woman with twelve years of bleeding, showing full covenant renewal.

### **How it applies to us today:**

† Mark 5 shows Jesus' power to free the oppressed, cleanse the unclean, and conquer death. The fulfilled perspective reveals these signs as pointing to Israel's coming judgment and the new creation in Christ. For us today, these miracles affirm that no bondage, impurity, or death has power over us in the kingdom that Christ established.

# † This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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