

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES

WOMEN *in the* WORD

Fellowship Bible Church

The GOSPEL ACCORDING to MARK

(JESUS: God's Servant-Our Savior)

Lesson SIX...SIGNS and WONDERS (Mark4:35-5:43)

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INTRO:

HOW to RESPOND to STORMS (Mark 4:35-41; 5:1) (NKJV)

Mark 4:35 On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side."

Mark 4:36 Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him.

Mark 4:37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. ³⁸ But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

- Teacher...
- *"Do you not care that we are perishing"?*

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face and the things of earth grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace". ~Helen Lemmel

Mark 4:39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

Psalms 65:5-7 (NASB) By awesome deeds You answer us in righteousness, O God of our salvation, You who are the trust of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest sea; Who establishes the mountains by His strength, Being girded with might; Who stills the roaring of the seas, The roaring of their waves, And the tumult of the peoples.

Psalms 89:8-9 (NASB) O Lord God of hosts, who is like You, O mighty Lord? Your faithfulness also surrounds You. You rule the swelling of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.

- *...the wind ceased and there was a great calm...*

Mark 4:40 But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How *is it* that you have no faith?" ⁴¹ And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

- REPORT CARD...

Mark 5:1 (NKJV)¹ Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes.

How do you respond to storms?

THE DEMONIC MEETS JESUS (Mark 5:2-20)

Mark 5:2 (NKJV)² And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

Mark 5:2bimmediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit³ who had *his* dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains,⁴ because 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.⁵ And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.⁶ When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him.⁷ And 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."

- **Unclean Spirit: DEMON:** from *daio* (to *distribute* fortunes); a *dæmon* or supernatural spirit (of a bad nature) :- devil.—Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

(*daimon*); to *be exercised by a dæmon* :- have a (be vexed with, be possessed with) devil (-s).—Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

Jude 1:6 (NASB)

And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,

2 Peter 2:4-5 (NASB)

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

Mark 5:8 For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!"⁹ Then He asked him, "What *is* your name?" And he answered, saying, "My name *is* Legion; for we are many."¹⁰ Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country.¹¹ Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains.¹² So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them."¹³ And at once Jesus gave them permission.

- **Legion:** Ideally, a Roman Legion consisted of 6,000 men.

Mark 5:13b 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.¹⁴ So 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.¹⁵ Then 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.¹⁶ And those who saw it told them how it happened to him *who had been* demon-possessed, and about the swine.¹⁷ Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region.

Mark 5:18 And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him.¹⁹ However, 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."²⁰ And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

An UNEXPECTED HEALING

Mark 5:21 Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea.

Mark 5:22 And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet²³ and 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."

- ***Fell at his feet...***

Mark 5:24 So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.²⁵ Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years,²⁶ and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came behind *Him* in the crowd and touched His garment.

- ***...she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment.*** (Matthew 14:36)

Mark 5:28 For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

- ***Said...***

Mark 5:29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of the affliction.

³⁰ And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"

- Power...

Mark 5:31 But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, Who touched Me?" "

Mark 5:32 And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. ³³ But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴ And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

- *(She) told him the whole truth!*

The TRYING of JAIRUS' FAITH (Mark 5:35-43)

- DELAY AND DETOURS!

Mark 5:35 While 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?" ³⁶ As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe."

- A DISCOURAGING WORD!
- DESPAIRING COUNSEL!
- A CALL to DELIBERATE FAITH. *"Do not be afraid; only believe".*

Mark 5:37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. ³⁸ Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. ³⁹ When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And 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.

- DERISION!
- *"Putting them out..."*

Mark 5:41 Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise."

⁴² Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years *of age*. And they were overcome with great amazement.

⁴³ But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that *something* should be given her to eat.

- *He took the child by the hand...*

Num 19:11 (NLT)¹¹ “All those who touch a dead human body will be ceremonially unclean for seven days.

Galatians 3:13 (NASB) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”—

- *Talitha, cumi*
- *Twelve years...*
- *Commanded them strictly that no one should know it,*
- *...and said that something should be given her to eat... (1 Kings 19)*

A CLOSING OBSERVATION

It's important to draw back and take an overall view of the context of the stories Mark chose to record on the heels of Jesus' parables. They all are directly related to the parables that Jesus taught and were instrumental in revealing to the disciples where they were in their personal understanding of Christ's identity. How they responded to the storm revealed their limited understanding regarding Christ's identity and their real opinion of the power of Christ's words. The ensuing events of the transformed life of the demoniac as well as the surprising and exceptional faith of the woman with the issue of blood and the humble faith of an important synagogue leader were all instructive to both Jesus' disciples as well as the Roman believers who were facing a fiery trial in the Roman Arena. Most importantly these experiences were not only instructive to the disciples that knew Jesus best, they cry out to us today to learn the lessons they teach. All three of these people highlighted by Mark had personal encounters with Jesus Christ that transformed their lives forever. All had limited personal knowledge of Christ, but what they did know personally or heard about Jesus, they fully trusted in and their faith touched the heart of God. The caliber of our faith is the direct result of what we know and believe to be true about God and His Word.

Again, let us each ask ourselves, "How well do I handle storms in my life?" Our answer will tell us how well we know the God who spoke great and wonderful promises regarding us. Always remember "you can't trust a God you don't know". God desires to reveal Himself to us through His Word so that we might come to know Him better in order for our faith in Him to grow and ultimately that our lives will be transformed.

NEXT LESSON: NOVEMBER 19th: Lesson SEVEN...The SIGNS CONTINUE (Mark6:1-56)