

Study of the Gospel of Mark

Chapter 5 (Part 2)

After Jesus had healed the demon-possessed man in Decapolis, He and his disciples crossed back over the lake and again came to Capernaum. Jesus was well known here (from Matthew 9:1 it seems that Jesus' family resided in Capernaum, having moved there from Nazareth where Jesus had grown up) but had also encountered growing hostility from the Jewish leaders (Mark 3:6).

1. Mark continues his emphasis on the power of Jesus in chapter 5 with two additional miracles in the second half of this chapter (Mark :21-43). What are they?

1. _____

2. _____

2. All three of the miracles in this chapter could be described as "extreme" cases. What characteristics made these cases worse than other similar cases Jesus has dealt with?

Case 1 (Mark 5:1-20) _____

Case 2 (Mark 5:25-34) _____

Case 3 (Mark 5:21-24, 35-43) _____

3. Mark tells us that Jairus was a "synagogue official." These men were influential men who might be compared to members the Church Council in our churches today. Because Jairus was a prominent man in the synagogue, he would have been familiar with the opposition of other Jewish leaders to Jesus and His ministry. Read John 9:1-34 and John 12:42-43. What do these verses tell us about the power of Jewish leaders who were opposed to Jesus? What do we learn about Jairus from this?

4. Jesus responds to Jairus' request graciously and begins to head to his home when the trip is interrupted by another sick person. What is unique about this woman's approach to receive healing from Jesus? Why might she have acted in this way?

5. How does Jesus respond to the interruption by this woman?

6. What two things demonstrate Jesus' deep concern for the woman who had received healing from Him?

A. (Mark 5:33) _____

B. (Mark 5:34) _____

7. While the miraculous healing of the woman must have bolstered Jairus' faith in Jesus, this was fire could have been doused by the news of his daughters death. (Keep in mind that prior to this point Jesus has only demonstrated His ability to heal; He has not demonstrated His power over death.) How does Jesus reassure Jairus concerning his daughter?

8. This is the first time the Gospels record Jesus raising someone from the dead. There are two other examples of Jesus' raising someone from death in the Gospels. What are they and where are they found? (See "The Miracles of Jesus" chart for help if needed.)

9. Once again we notice that Jesus acts differently in the case of Jairus's daughter than He does on the other two occasions where He raises someone from the dead. (Compare this section to the other two miracles referred to in the previous question.) In this case He takes precautions to keep the resurrection of this girl private. Jesus takes three precautions to ensure that word of this does not get out. What are they?

1. (v. 37,40) _____

2. (v. 39) _____

3. (v. 43) _____

10. This would not be the last time that Jesus would give Peter, James and John the privilege to witness His power and glory (see Mark 9:2-8; 14:32-42). Why do you think He repeatedly chose them to see these things? (See 2 Peter 1:15-21)
