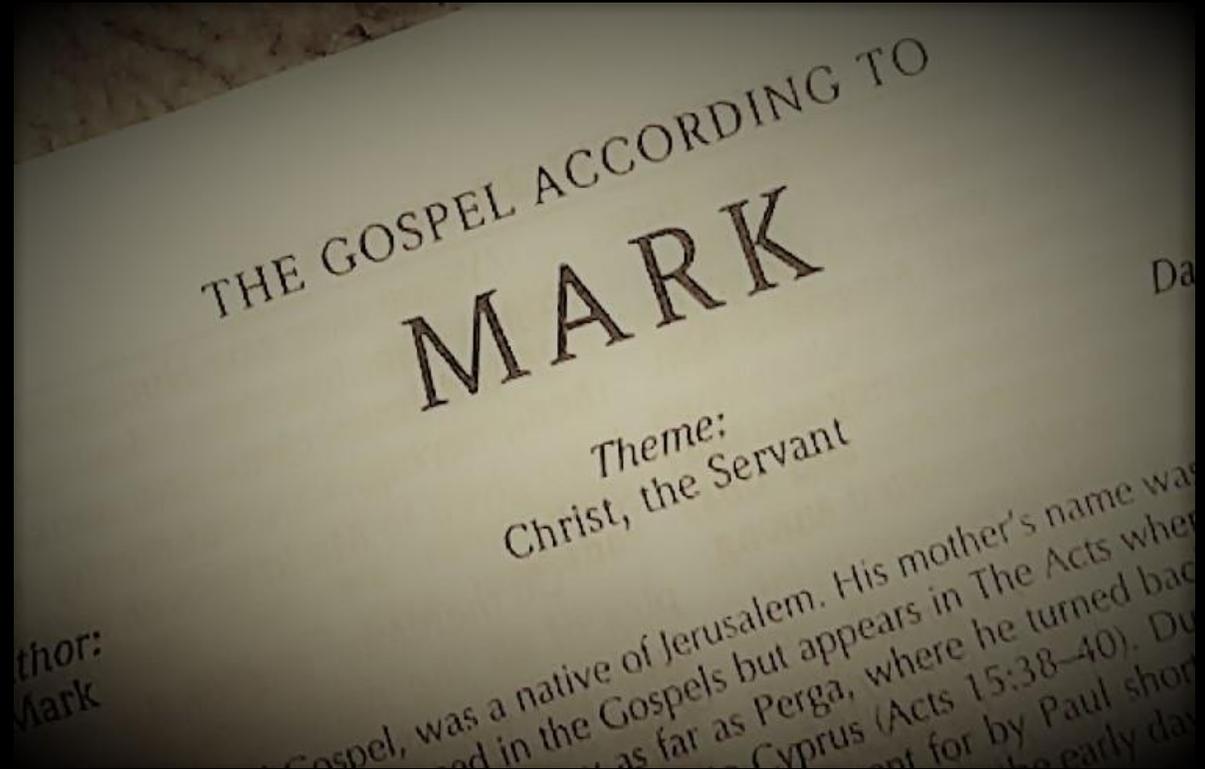


Verse by Verse

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- Last week we ended with Jesus calming a severe storm while on the sea with his disciples.
- In doing this he displayed his power over the natural world.
- This week he will show us his power over demons, sickness and death.

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- Mark 5:35-36 (ESV)

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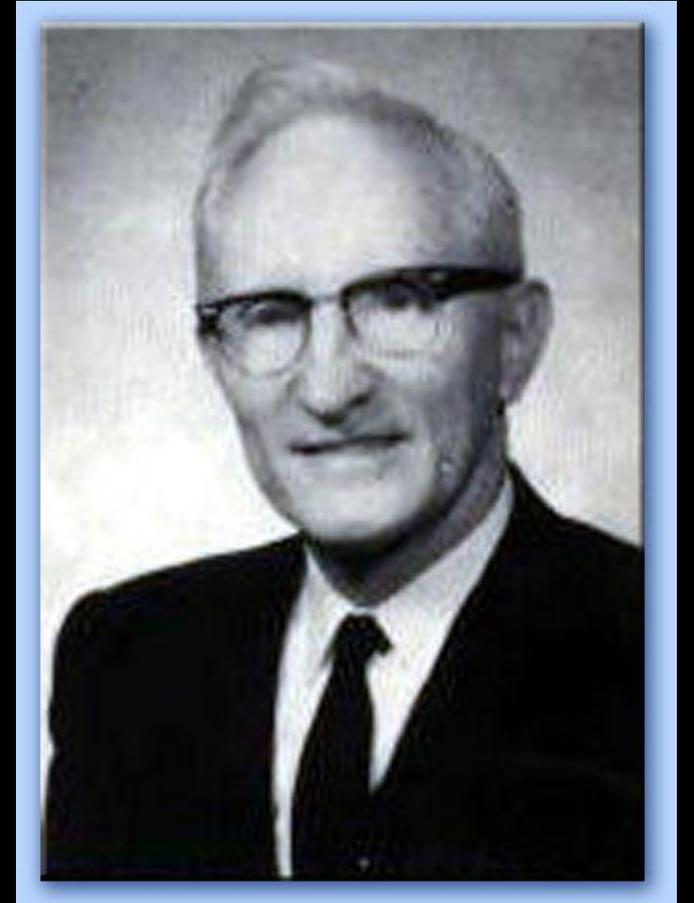
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- 5:1-5 When Jesus and his team arrive onshore, they are met by a demon possessed man.
- He lived among the tombs and engaged self-destructive behavior.
- The Bible is very open in discussing the demonic realm without trying to satisfy any unhealthy curiosity on our part.

1. The Man with the Legion 5:1-20

Created originally sinless, [demons] joined Satan in a chosen course of rebellion. Their decision was deliberate and in the full knowledge of the infinite goodness and holiness of their Creator. This is why they are incorrigible and confirmed in their depravity with no hope of repentance or change. Like Satan's, their choice is irretrievable; their doom is sealed.¹

*– Merrill F. Unger (1909 – 1980),
Dallas Theological Seminary*



1. The Man with the Legion 5:1-20

- As we see in the passage, demons think, speak and act.
- They can operate through humans whom they seek to control and destroy.
- In some cases, like this one, their domination is nearly total.

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- They can also operate by exerting a less obvious influence, such as by promoting false teaching within the church.
- 1 Timothy 4:1 (ESV)

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons.

1. The Man with the Legion 5:1-20

- 5:6-10 The demons clearly know who Jesus is and are afraid of him.
- James 2:19 (ESV)

You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

1. The Man with the Legion 5:1-20

- 5:6-10 Legion A Roman legion had thousands of soldiers.
- The man may be controlled by thousands of demons.
- But demons also lie when it suits them, so we won't be dogmatic about it.

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- 5:11-13 It does not matter much how many demons were present here.
- They were all completely subject to Jesus and incapable of resistance to his will.

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- 5:14-20 We can easily see why the man wanted to leave there and follow Jesus.
- Jesus healed him. His neighbors are disappointed and would have rather had their pigs.
- Instead Jesus gives him a ministry to this mainly Gentile area.

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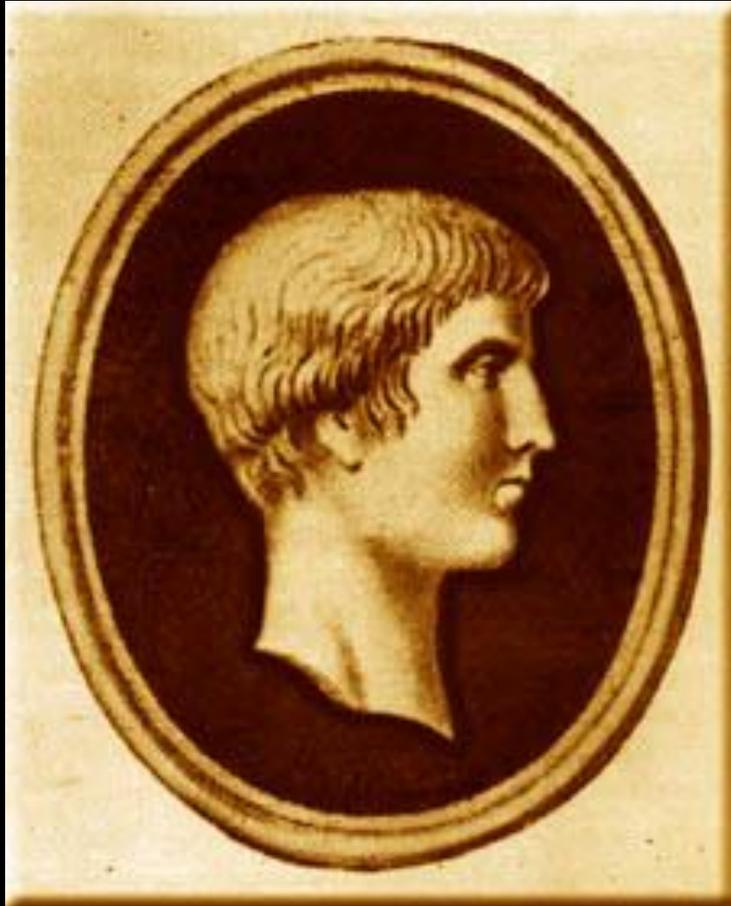
- Jesus is now back in Capernaum, where he normally made his home.
- In the synagogue he earlier healed a man with an unclean spirit (Ch. 1) and a man with a withered hand (Ch. 3).
- He is approached now by a synagogue ruler.
- Extreme situations sometimes drive us to Jesus.

3. The Unclean Woman 5:25-34

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- Mark is not very complimentary about the doctors.
- In the ancient world, it turns out doctors were sometimes the subject of jokes.
- Take this example from [Marcus Valerius Martialis](#), sometimes known as just “[Martial](#).”

3. The Unclean Woman 5:25-34



Lately was Dialus a doctor, now he is an undertaker. What the undertaker now does, the doctor did before.

*– Martial (~38 – 102AD),
in his Epigrams²*

3. The Unclean Woman 5:25-34

- 5:25 a discharge of blood for twelve years
- According to the book of **Leviticus**, this condition rendered the woman continuously unclean.
- We can understand why she was cautious, even shy or afraid about her infirmity.

3. The Unclean Woman 5:25-34

- Leviticus 15:25-27 (ESV)

²⁵ “If a woman has a discharge of blood for many days, not at the time of her menstrual impurity, or if she has a discharge beyond the time of her impurity, all the days of the discharge she shall continue in uncleanness. As in the days of her impurity, she shall be unclean. ²⁶ Every bed on which she lies, all the days of her discharge, shall be to her as the bed of her impurity. And everything on which she sits shall be unclean, as in the uncleanness of her menstrual impurity. ²⁷ And whoever touches these things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening.

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- 5:28 “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.”
- Two reasons:
- She is shy understandably about her condition, especially in front of that large crowd.
- Maybe she has a slightly superstitious or magical view of the power working through Jesus.

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- 5:30 “Who touched my garments?”
- Jesus wants her healing to be made public.
- 5:34 “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”
- He also has the opportunity to publicly encourage her.

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- Meanwhile, if I were Jairus, I would be getting completely stressed out while Jesus was dealing with the woman.
- *“All due respect Jesus, she’s been bleeding for twelve years, can’t she wait a few minutes more while you see my dying daughter?”*
- And then it gets worse.

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- 5:35 “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?”
- 5:36 Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.”
- Jairus really has nothing to lose at this point.

4. Jairus's Daughter (Part 2) 5:35-43

- 5:39 “The child is not dead but sleeping.”
- Jesus and the early Christians often refer to death this way, as in **John 11:11-15** (ESV)

“Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” ¹² The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” ¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

4. Jairus's Daughter (Part 2) 5:35-43

- Our word **cemetery** comes from a root meaning “sleeping place” and has Christian origins.
- According to the **Online Etymology Dictionary**,
Late Latin coemeterium, from Greek koimeterion "sleeping place, dormitory," from koiman "to put to sleep," ...
Early Christian writers were the first to use it for "burial ground,"
- See <https://www.etymonline.com/word/cemetery>

4. Jairus's Daughter (Part 2) 5:35-43

- 5:41 “Talitha cumi” is Aramaic. Mark translates it for his non-Jewish audience.
- In Judea and Galilee most Jewish people probably spoke Aramaic at home, saving Greek mainly for use in public.
- The point is the girl gets up and is now healthy, thanks to the power of Jesus extending even to life and death.

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- Jesus reveals his power over demons, disease and death.
- He shows that he is both willing and capable to intervene in the most extreme cases.
- In the case of the demons, there was not much faith.
- In the case of the woman, it was her shy and fearful faith.
- In the case of the girl, it was the father's faith coming to Jesus on his daughter's behalf.

Mark 5 A Prayer

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- Dear Heavenly Father,
- There are times when we feel completely helpless, but this chapter shows us that Jesus is willing and able to help us in those times of our desperate need.
- As in the case of the demons, we declare Christ's power over the spiritual realm and any spiritual attack we may undergo.
- As in the case of the woman, we believe that there is no sin disease or condition that we may face that puts us outside of your grace, your love and your ability.

Mark 5 A Prayer

- As in the case of Jairus's daughter, we declare that Jesus has conquered even death.
- Teach us to come to him for help, whether our needs are small or great. We understand that we truly depend on your grace and your provision through him, first of all, for our sin. That was our greatest need.
- In Christ's name we pray,
- Amen.

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