

Mark 5

King James Version (KJV)

5 And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. (These guys were a heathen people that raised hogs for a living)

² And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, (In the graveyard)

³ Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: (He was possessed by a demon)

⁴ Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. (He had superhuman strength because he was possessed)

⁵ And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. (He was possessed by evil spirits)

⁶ But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, (Jesus is God in the flesh. The evil spirits knew Him from the First Age. They knew that God could end them with a single word so they feared Him. That's why they ran to worship Him. To stay on His good side)

⁷ And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. (They didn't want Jesus to send them back to hell. He knew that they had to obey God)

⁸ For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

⁹ And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. (They were many demons in this man) (A legion in the Roman army was about 6000 men)

¹⁰ And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. (They asked because they knew that Jesus was in charge)

¹¹ Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. (This was the herd of swine that belonged to the Gadarenes. They raised pigs for a living)

¹² And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. (Asking Jesus for permission; Evil spirits have to inhabit something carnal or go back to hell)

¹³ And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea. (Even the 2000 pigs wouldn't put up with these evil spirits. These animals preferred to drown instead)

¹⁴ And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. (They lost their swine herd into the sea)

¹⁵ And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. (The possessed man is now acting normal. You would think that they would be glad to see him healed. Instead, all they care about is their swine herd – 2000 pigs dead in one shot)

¹⁶ And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine.

¹⁷ And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts. (They thought Jesus was responsible for the destruction of their swine herds. They lost a lot of money. They don't care about the man that Jesus had saved)

¹⁸ And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. (Now that the man is himself again, he wants to follow Jesus)

¹⁹ Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. (Jesus preferred to make this man a witness and a teacher; so that he can go teach other people. The lesson here is that there is a God in Heaven; and He can save us if we choose Him)

²⁰ And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel. (Decapolis is in Syria. The man did as Jesus asked him. He went into Syria to spread the good news that Messiah had arrived)

²¹ And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea.

²² And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, (Jairus = whom Yah enlightens) (He was a believer in Jesus)

²³ And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. (He had faith that Jesus could heal his daughter)

²⁴ And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him. (People were instinctively drawn to God. They wanted to see Him perform miracles)

²⁵ And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

²⁶ And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, (Doctors could not heal her sickness)

²⁷ When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

²⁸ For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. (She had great faith that Jesus could heal her)

²⁹ And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. (She was immediately healed by Jesus)

³⁰ And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? (Jesus felt her spirit touching His garment)

³¹ And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? (These guys are still clueless. Jesus knew who she was)

³² And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

³³ But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

³⁴ And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague. (Her faith in God saved her)

(God wants us to also have this level of faith in Him. When trouble comes, we must hang on to our faith and believe that He will save us)

³⁵ While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? (They don't realize that Jesus <God with us> has power over life and death)

³⁶ As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. (Have faith)

³⁷ And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. (These three must have had the greatest faith of all the disciples. Jesus included only these three at other times also)

³⁸ And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. (In those days, people hired paid mourners to put on a show, when a family member died)

³⁹ And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. (Death means nothing to God. HE can give us eternal life)

⁴⁰ And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. (They were laughing at Jesus. They had no faith. Jesus got rid of those without faith. HE sent them out)

⁴¹ And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. (Talitha cumi – Jesus spoke in the Aramaic language, because they were in Syria. That was the language that these people understood)

⁴² And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. (She immediately came back to life. Jesus was able to heal the sick, defeat Satan and resurrect the dead)

⁴³ And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat. (It was not yet time for the crucifixion. Jesus knew what would happen if He became too popular too quickly. The Kenites would act to kill Him. God's plan was that Jesus would be the Passover Lamb for all time. HE would be crucified at Passover – no sooner, no later)

See Luke 8-55 (Jesus said - give her meat <not milk – not baby food>. The meat is symbolic for a deeper teaching; and not the pabulum that was being taught by the priests in the synagogues)

(The salvation message is pabulum. It is for beginning Christians. The meat of God's Word is the deeper study. Teach her the deeper truth in God's Word so that she can become a mature Christian)

NOTE: (Today, in most churches, the people are still at the pabulum stage. All they ever hear is the salvation message. They are a prime target for Satan's deception, when he arrives at the 6th Trump. They will believe that he is Messiah because they haven't learned the deeper lessons of the Bible)