

Power to Restore Life

November 7, 2021
Mark 5:1-20

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Review:

- Mark has shown us confrontations between Jesus and the other kingdoms
- We have seen many responses to Jesus' ministry... why?
- We've seen 3 parables which help us understand God's Kingdom
- Mark now showing 3 vignettes about who Jesus is...
- 1) Jesus calmed a storm; 2) Jesus healed a demoniac

Jesus Crosses Back Over the Sea

- Jesus returns to the other side of Galilee
- Steps out of boat... crowds immediately met Him...
- Jarius & Woman seek out Jesus to deal with their need

A Distraught Father

- Jairus - caretaker who handled day-to-day operations of synagogue; likely well-known
- Jairus required faith because Jesus was not 'acceptable'; instead leaders sought to destroy^{Mk3:6} Jesus
- Jairus' faith was radical - radical faith acts.
- Jesus responded quickly^{Mk5:24}

A Desperate Woman

- Unnamed woman - outcast since considered unclean due to issue of blood; no synagogue; no marriage; unclean!
- She risked it all to touch Jesus' garment - radical faith!
- This woman didn't need just a help, she needed a cure - just like our sin problem
- Christianity unique - we don't fix our problem, Jesus does!
- We don't just think better better; instead rest in God's grace
- Requires God's radical grace & faith in His grace!

Success, But Called Out!

- Woman succeeds^{Mk5:29} she felt the healing in her body
- Jesus knew of her act of faith & calls her out
- Woman knew & fell before Jesus in fear & trembling^{Mk5:32}
- Jesus 1) gives her peace and healing 2) publicly declares her clean - no longer an unclean outcast

Meanwhile – Poor Jairus

- Imagine his thoughts... why is Jesus delaying?
- Receives awful news^{Mk5:35}; hope must have been lost
- Jesus responds with great compassion: do not fear, believe!
- Compassionately sends the crowd away
- Mourners quickly turn to mockers when Jesus arrives

Lessons:

- Jesus came to heal & raise us to life!
- Faith is the means God uses – trust in His provision!
- Walk in faith in who Jesus is: Col 1:15-23

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