

Mark: The Storyteller's Gospel (Mark 5)

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Series objective

Regardless of what stage we are at in life, whether we are in the first steps to wanting to know more about God or 30 plus years of walking with Christ, we all need to know Jesus. By God's design, the best way to do this is by studying the Bible. The book of Mark gives us a very real and personal look at Jesus, almost as if we were sitting down with Him. Many people believe that the writing of Mark was significantly influenced by Peter, the disciple with whom many of us identify the most (often speaking and acting before thinking!!). Peter also loved Jesus in a very real way.

This series is designed to help us take a personal look at Jesus in a way that makes us look in the mirror. I think most of us would admit that we would live very different lives if we lived every moment as if we were completely devoted to Christ and what He did for us.

Overview of Chapter 5

Verses 1–20	Jesus heals a demon-possessed man
Verses 21-54	Jesus raises a girl from the dead
Verses 25-34	Jesus heals a sick woman

1. In the four chapters we have studied thus far, how would you describe Jesus' interaction with people? Does this surprise you considering He was (and is) God?
2. In reading about the demon-possessed man, what strikes you as significant in terms of how he responded to Jesus? As humans, how can we be so cavalier in our response to Jesus?
3. Although it's relatively easy to understand how the villagers were bothered about their loss of revenue, what does their response say about their view of what Jesus did? Have we seen this before in how certain people responded to the miracles done by Jesus?
4. Describe the conditions surrounding both the sick woman and Jairus, the synagogue ruler and father of the sick girl. What was the issue in each of their lives and how did they approach Jesus?
5. When Jesus touched someone, He made a great impact on their life? Two questions: how is Jesus impacting your life (be honest) and are you impacting others as a result of Jesus' work in your life?

Our next study (May 1)

Read Mark 6. Consider Jesus not being accepted in His own home town. Have you ever observed or experienced in your own life when people have a hard time seeing or understanding when God does the unexpected in someone's life?