

Mark 5:1-43

- A. The Encounter with a demon possessed man (vv.1-5).
1. Jesus' presence triggers an immediate reaction from the unholy.
 2. Banished as an outcast of society; condemned to live his days alone.
 3. He is a microcosm of the whole of creation, inarticulately crying out for redemption (Romans 8:22).
- B. The Encounter with Unclean Spirits (vv.6-13).
1. Power in knowing a name.
 2. "Legion"—Roman legion consisted of 6,000 men and 120 horses.
 3. Devoured Pigs—**1 Peter 5:8** "Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour."
- C. The Encounter with the Townspeople (vv.14-17).
1. The Fear Factor.
- D. Jesus' Instruction to the Restored Man (vv.18-20).
1. Imperative: Go share how much the Lord has done for you.
- E. Healing of Jairus' Daughter and the Woman with the Blood Disease (vv.21-43).
1. Faith=Salvation and Healing
 2. What is Healing—think in terms of wholeness.
 3. Ceremonial Uncleaness—Blood and Death;
 4. Faith shows persistence in overcoming any obstacles.
 5. A rabbinic tradition interprets Exodus 14:22 to mean that only after the Israelites had gone into the sea up to their nostrils did the waters divide and expose dry ground. Faith steps out, then trusts God to do what is needed.
 6. Daniel 3:17-18: "If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up."