

Mark / Chapter 5

Short Summaries

A woman with a bleeding disorder is healed by Jesus, and he casts out a demon from a man.

A man with an unclean spirit encounters Jesus and is healed. The man then tells the people of the Decapolis what Jesus has done for him.

Summaries

A demon-possessed man lived in the tombs and was not allowed into the city. He was healed by Jesus and then went and told people in the city about what Jesus had done for him.

Jesus cast a legion of demons out of a man and into a herd of pigs. The demons begged Jesus not to send them away, but he did. The pigs ran into a lake and drowned.

Application Questions

How does Jesus heal a woman with a blood disorder?

What does the healing of the woman with the blood disorder teach us about Jesus' care for us?

How does Jesus' power over demons and His healing of the sick woman show His compassion for us?

What kind of power does Jesus have over demons?

How does Jesus respond to a dead girl?

What can we learn from the way Jesus deals with the dead girl's parents?

How does Jesus deal with demon possession?

What does Jesus' healing of the demon-possessed man teach us about His power?

Exegetical Questions

How does this account of Jesus raising a dead girl and healing a sick woman illustrate his compassionate care for people?

What practical lessons can we learn from this passage about demon possession and healing?

What does Mark 5 tell us about the nature of demons and their ability to possess human beings?

What do we learn from this passage about Jesus' authority over death and his power to heal?

How does this account of demon possession and exorcism compare with other accounts in the Gospels and in other ancient literature?

What do the reactions of the people in this passage tell us about their views of Jesus and his identity?

What does Mark 5 tell us about Jesus' power over demons and the kingdom of Satan?

What does this passage teach us about the importance of faith in Jesus?

Observation Questions

What does the demon-possessed man look like?

What does the father of the dead girl say to Jesus?

How does the girl react when she is raised from the dead?

What does Jesus tell the sick woman?

Why does the man want to stay with Jesus?

How does the crowd react when they see the man healed?

What is the man doing when Jesus first meets him?

How does the man react when Jesus asks him his name?

Group Discussion Questions

What do you think went through the girl's mind when she was raised from the dead?

Why do you think the demon-possessed man was living among the tombs?

How do you think the man's friends and family felt when they saw him healed?

What do you think was going through the man's mind when he was being possessed?

How do you think the demon-possessed man in Mark 5 felt before Jesus healed him?

What do you think would have happened if Jesus hadn't healed the man?

Do you think people who are possessed by demons know what's going on around them?

How do you think the sick woman felt when she was healed?