

# Lesson Notes: Mark 5

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## Introductory Questions

1. Give your impressions about the deliverance of the man from the Gerasenes. What puzzled you about this story?
2. Why do you think it was so important to Jesus to identify the bleeding woman?
3. When going to heal the little girl, Jesus was sure of His power; the wailers were sure of her death. What are you sure of after reading this story?
4. Why did Jesus tell the healed demonic to tell his friends how the Lord had mercy on him, yet a while later He told Jairus and his wife that "no one should know" about their little girls' resurrection? Why the difference?

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## Point One: The Madman of the Gerasenes: Wholeness & Witness

Jesus is able to deliver us from demonic captivity

Jesus delights in wholeness

He will give us our mission field, our "witness":

"Go home to your family"

"Tell them how much the Lord has done for you."

## Point Two: Jairus' Daughter

Jesus and the Synagogue Ruler: relationship with the Establishment

Jesus is not in a hurry: life interrupted

## Point Three: The Bleeding Woman

Jesus wants to know her, bless her, look her in the eye

Jesus wants her to know He is pleased with her faith

Jesus wants her to know the generosity of God her Father

## Conclusion

Jesus is Lord over the spirit realm: deliverance

Jesus is Lord over disease

Jesus is Lord over death

## Personal Questions

- \* Has Jesus made you whole, delivered you? From what? Do you freely tell your story, or what keeps you from relating to others all He has done for you?
- \* Will you trust Jesus with the interruptions in your life? Looking back, looking ahead, how can you do this better?
- \* Do you trust that Jesus wants to know you, look you in the eye, and bless you with His touch?
- \* What difficult situation in your life feels like it will never end? Where do you feel as if God has turned His attention elsewhere (stopped to heal someone else!)? In what area have you lost hope? How does the study of Mark 5 and Keller's chapter on "The Waiting" encourage you?
- \* The demoniac somehow ran to Jesus - despite a legion of demons. The woman touched the hem of Jesus' garment. Jairus came and implored Jesus to heal his daughter. What small act of faithful movement toward Jesus can you make in the midst of your pain?
- \* Keller says that Jesus' delays allowed the woman and Jairus to "get far more than they asked for" - a relationship of peace, a resurrection - not just physical healing, but a deeper knowledge of and intimacy with Jesus. What might Jesus have in mind for you as you wait?
- \* Jesus chose to relinquish power when He became a man and died on the Cross -- so that we could gain forgiveness and a new life in Him. Keller asks us in our trials, "Why would we want to hurry somebody this powerful and this loving who treats us this tenderly? Why would we be impatient with somebody like this?" That's a good question: Why? And how can these truths about Jesus help us to respond differently?