


Mark Chapter 5

V: 1 Matthew 8:28-34 Mark 5:1-20 Luke 8:26-40

- In the previous chapter (V:35) Jesus directs the Apostles to take the 5 mile trip to the other side of the sea of Galilee, to Gadara. 
- Gadara, the land of the Gadarenes, descendants of the tribe of Gad who along with the tribe of Reuben and the ½ tribe of Manasseh settled on the East side of the Jordan.
- Descendants of Gad, stayed / settled on the wrong side of the Jordan Vs going into the promise land as God had commanded. **Numbers 32:1-5**
- They settled for less than God's best for them.
- They eventually went from raising cattle to being pig ranchers; one compromise usually leads to another.
- This is the area specifically on the East side of the Sea of Galilee in the area of modern day Ramot & Kursi.

Looking at the bigger picture for just a moment:

- Have you ever sensed that you're been given direction from God and by His grace sought to do what you understood to be His will, only to have it all go very poorly?
- If that's the case, know that you're in good company.
- Jesus told the disciples (**Mark 4:35**) "**lets go to the other side...**" So they obediently get in their boat and head in that direction - what happens next?
- A terrifying wind storm arises, no doubt brought about by the "prince of the power of the air." This storm comes up in opposition to the will of God, and almost sinks their boat. They cry out to Jesus, He responds, and rebukes the wind and the sea, and overcomes the opposition.
- But wait, there's more.
- As they arrive at their destination they are welcomed by a couple of ferocious, demon possessed, naked, ambassadors of Satan!

- As we'll see, Jesus is going to work on both sides of this equation, the disciples are learning some important lessons, and the demoniacs are going to be delivered and further used by God - and God's will and purposes will be fulfilled - all to the glory of God.

John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world, you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

- Do you think for a moment that Jesus didn't know ahead of time about the storm or the demoniacs? He knew all about it, I believe it was all part of His plan, His will concerning His children. (Anybody here dealing with health issues? Financial challenges? Anybody else have relatives from Gadera?)

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." "... to bring you to an expected end."

Philippians 1:6 "Being confident of this very thing, that he who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

- He is faithful, He is good, and He is working in your life - it's not always easy, but He's doing a good work. Praise the Lord!

James 1:2-4 "2My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." (It's just a test of the ECS)

V: 2 Speaking of an "unclean spirit" referring to demons, unclean is something defiled, less than holy or pure.

Matthew 8:28 "... there met Him two demon-possessed men..."

Vv:15

- Mark & Luke both omit the 2nd demoniac, perhaps the one mentioned just stood out more.

V: 3-4 "Dwelling", not living – among the dead. Uncontrollable, un-restrainable.

Matthew 8:28 "... there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way."

Luke 8:29 "For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness."

- He'd broken the chains and fetters – powerful, strong - supernatural, demonic.

V: 5 Night & day in the mountains, desolate places, tombs, crying out – screaming.
Somewhere between bondage and torment – never at peace.

Isaiah 48:22 “There is no peace saith the Lord unto the wicked.”

- Cutting himself – self destructive.
- 1. Again, the bigger picture: this story begins on the other side of the Sea of Galilee. These demoniacs are running around acting out, screaming, shrieking, yelling - all that they're doing.
- 2. Previously as Jesus was teaching by the sea of Galilee, he used the water and the natural hillside back drop - and the acoustics helped everyone to hear His teaching.
- 3. These same conditions existed at night as well, but now they carry the sounds of these crazy demoniacs instead.
- 4. In the day time, people are busy, there's the noise of various activities, but not like today. And here and there you hear the noise from across the lake, and you're glad it's over there and not here.
- 5. But at night it's a different story. The daily activities have ceased, there is no other sounds to mask what's happening across the lake - and the sound of these screaming mad men carries all across the lake in the stillness of the night when you're trying to fall asleep, while you're trying to comfort your children who are disturbed by these tormented neighbors.
- Satan robs men of their peace, their dignity, their sanity, and reduces them to the lowest levels possible.
- This is all the exact opposite of what Jesus offers each of us:
- These men are running around naked; Jesus would clothe them in His righteousness.

Isaiah 61:10 “I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness...”

- These men are out of their minds, by the worlds standards - crazy!

1 Timothy 1:7 “For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” Jesus would put them in their right mind.

- These men are tormented, and are tormenting many others. No peace.

John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you...”. He gives the peace that passes all understanding.

- Clothed in righteousness, given a sound mind, and a peace that passes all understanding that is God’s will for each of us.

V: 6-7 The demons recognized their creator, but there is a big difference between knowing of God, and putting your trust in Him.

James 2:19 “You believe that there is one God; you do well: the devils also believe, and tremble.”

- The demons know who Jesus is, and they know their ultimate fate - to be tormented in hell forever.
- Tartarus is the place referred to as hell which was prepared for those angels that followed Satan in rebellion against God - to which they are consigned forever.

2 Peter 2:4 “For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell (Tartarus) and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment.

V: 8-9 Jesus had given the command for the demon(s) to come out of the man.

- Jesus then asks their name? Why – He already knows who and what they are – so somehow this is for our benefit and instruction.
- “Legion” - Roman legions had 3-6,600 men. This would be a pitiful state to be in.

Jesus gives an admonition:

Matthew 12:43-45 “⁴³When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. ⁴⁴Then he says, “I will return to my house from which I came.” And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. ⁴⁵Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state or that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation.”

- It’s doubtful that this man started off with thousands of demons, probably one to start then more later. This demoniac is a picture of a life dominated by sin.
 - Alcohol, drugs, pornography, gambling, promiscuity, all life dominating sins... must be replaced with the righteousness of God.
- Nature doesn’t allow a void, nor does the spiritual realm – if we put something off, then we must put something on.

Ephesians 4:20-24 “²⁰But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²²that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

- Jesus wanted us to know that there were many demons in this man, “legion”.
- The man had probably tried over and over again to clean his own house – which apart from Jesus is futile.

V: 10 They begged not to be sent away: to be tormented before their time (Matthew) being sent into the “deep” abyss. (**Luke 8:31**)

Matthew 8:29 “And suddenly they cried out, saying, “what have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?”

- Meaning that there is schedule being observed, a set time.
- The demons know and understand that there is a day of judgment coming – and when it comes they’re toast.

Revelation 20:10 “The Devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

- The demons look forward and all they see is damnation; we look ahead and we have the hope of being with our Lord forever.

V: 11-13 Big heard of swine, about 2,000. Jesus allows the unclean spirits to enter the unclean animals – and they fulfill their desire for death. (Consistent)

John 8:44 “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning ...”

John 10:10 “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy...”

- They ran “violently” - pel-Mel, recklessly - “impetuously” without care or thought.
- There is only one steep place along the shore of Galilee that leads to the water, that’s at Gadera, or modern day Kursi, just below Ramot.

- Result: 2,000 dead pigs.



V: 14 The swine herders ran to tell their masters / owners what had happened. Often times they were held responsible for any losses.

- Imagine yourself a swine herder, out there enjoying the scenery, watching out for the pigs – and all of a sudden for no apparent reason the pigs start going nuts – and 2,000 pigs stampede!
- They run down the hill, towards the water – your trying to stop them to no avail – they all run down and drown in the sea.
- They were in the midst of a spiritual battle; not only with no clue as to what was happening, but also no weapons for the battle.
- While on the subject of swine herders: what are Jews doing herding swine? When their fathers compromised and wanted an inheritance on this side of Jordan as opposed to taking their inheritance as God wanted for them in the land of Canaan – one compromise leads to another. How low they've come.
- They presumably went into town to tell their master what had happened, who came out and found the demoniac with Jesus.

V: 15 The crazy man who was well known and formerly possessed of the devils, sitting, clothed, in his right mind.

What a contrast:

- Sitting, instead of running around acting crazy. Clothed instead of being naked. In his right mind under the influence of the Holy Spirit instead of the Devil.

Sitting: at rest, peace.

Isaiah 26:3 “You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusts in You.”

Clothed:

Isaiah 61:10 “I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness...”

- Where did the clothes come from? The “pillow” that Jesus slept on... this was His plan from the beginning.

Right mind:

Romans 12:2 “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.”

2 Timothy 1:7 “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

- How did this amazing transformation take place? Granted Jesus cast the demons out of him – but specifically what transpired?

Vv: 8 “For He said to him...” Jesus spoke: which is The Word of God and the Word of God delivered this man from his bondage.

Psalm 119:9 “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word.”

(Say it with me)

Romans 10:17 “So then, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.”

“...*and they were afraid*”

- Perhaps they sensed the power of God at work and that brought fear into their hearts.

Isaiah 33:14 “The sinners in Zion are afraid: fearfulness has seized the hypocrites: “Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?”

Proverbs 9:10 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

V: 16-17 When they heard the testimony they weren't too excited that a demon possessed man had been delivered from bondage; they saw the economic loss and asked Jesus to leave.

Mark 4:9 “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” Some do, some don't - for now.

Matthew 7:6 “Do not give that which is holy to the dogs, nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.”

- Jesus talks about not casting our pearls before swine, and here we see why. Having no capacity for God they chose their pigs, their money, over God so at their request Jesus leaves.

Matthew 6:24 “No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

V: 18-19 As Jesus was leaving, the freed man wanted to go with Jesus – very understandable, he wanted to follow Jesus as any of us would.

- Jesus told this man “no” – and sent him back to his family and friends to testify of what great things God had done for him.
- There were three prayers in this last scenario:
 1. The demons – **V:10** Answer: “yes”
 2. Gadarenes – **V: 17** Answer: “yes”
 3. Restored Men – Mark 5:18-20 Answer: “no”

V: 20 God just told this new believer “no” in answer to his prayer. How did this new believer respond?

1. He got mad and left the church.
 2. He pouted and stayed home, vowing never to trust God again.
- He expressed his love and gratitude, and genuine conversion through his obedience to Jesus’ command.

John 14:15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

- Jesus equipped this man for his ministry, it was simple – testify!
- This man had 1st hand experience and simply, obediently spoke of what he knew.
- His life was a train wreck, a scrambled mess – and Jesus made him whole.
- God’s progressive work in our lives.

Philippians 1:6 “Being confident of this very thing, that He which has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ;”

- The story doesn’t end here: The restored men were sent home to be a witness. Ministry starts at home!

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- Jesus later returned to this area.

Matthew 14:34-36 “³⁴And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret. ³⁵And when the men of that place had knowledge of Him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto Him all that were diseased; ³⁶And besought Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.”

- Jesus received a warm welcome back due to the testimony of this man, and many were healed and believed – because Jesus said “no.”

Isaiah 55:8-9 “⁸For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.”












God is awesome!

- **Review** 1st part of chapter 5 – **map** – geography.



V: 21 Jesus passed over again, returning to Capernaum.

- Jesus is received by a large group awaiting His arrival.

1.  Aerial view / relationship between Peter's house & synagogue.
2.  RCC built over top of Peter's house.
3.  Excavations / ruins of Capernaum. Looking out door toward Peter's house; proximity.
4.  More of same
5.  Ruins of 2nd century synagogue.
6.  Interior partially restored.
7.  Interior partially restored.
8.  Artist conception of 1st century synagogue based on ruins / excavations.
9.  Excavation below 1st century synagogue showing ruins of ancient synagogue of Jesus' time.
10.  Same – note color distinction between 1st century and prior.
11.  Aerial view again showing perspective & proximity.

V: 22 Jairus; a ruler, one of the chief Rabbis – stature & power.

- Jairus: Greek transliteration of Hebrew name meaning “Jah will enlighten” or “whom God will enlighten.”

- The chief ruler of the synagogue was responsible to select the readers or teachers in the synagogue, to examine the discourses of the public speakers, and to see that all things were done with decency and in accordance with ancestral usage.
- This powerful man humbled himself at Jesus' feet because he valued his daughter more than his position.

Psalm 51:17 “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.”

- Matthew's account says that this man “worshipped” at Jesus' feet:
- “Worshipped” – this particular word is only used in reference to worshipping God. The same as the leper in **Matthew 8:2**.

“Worshipped” (G4352) proskuneo, pros-koo-neh'-o; to kiss, like a dog licking his master's hand; to fawn or crouch to, i.e. (lit. or fig.) prostrate oneself in homage (do reverence to, adore), worship.

- Jairus “worshipped” Jesus in front of everyone who was there, the public - he didn't care.

V: 23 This is not a casual request, this is a desperate plea for help – Jairus was begging Jesus to come and help. (Held off, stood back, but now...)

Psalm 50:15 “Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”

- Jairus truly believed that Jesus could heal his daughter; “*she shall live*”.

Hebrews 11:1 “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

- Luke's Gospel tells us that his daughter was 12 years old.

Luke 8:42 “For he had an only daughter about 12 years of age, and she was dying. But as he went, the multitudes thronged Him.”

V: 24 “*And Jesus went with him...*” Jesus had compassion on this humble man, this desperate father.

- Jesus had been met by a large group of people who now continue to follow Jesus as He changes direction and heads towards Jairus' house.

Mark 3:10 “For He healed many; so that as many as had afflictions pressed about to touch Him.”

V: 25-34 Parenthetical break: the woman with an issue of blood.

V: 25-26 This woman had an issue of blood for 12 years - 12 years of hemorrhaging.

Leviticus 17:11 “For the life of the flesh is in the blood...”

- For 12 years the life had been flowing out of this woman. She’d tried all the conventional things all to no avail – and was worse off. (Kaiser)
- Similar to the demoniac, they had tried to bind him and do everything humanly possible – all to no avail.

Zechariah 4:6 “... this is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.”

Comparison: 2 opposites:

1. **Jairus’s daughter:** 12 years of joy, good times suddenly turning for worse.
 2. **Woman, 12 years of grief,** bad times and a sudden turn for the better.
- As Mark draws our attention to these two individual we see some other comparisons:
 1. Jairus was probably one of the most well known people in their community, the woman was relatively obscure.
 2. Jairus, because of his position was wealthy; the woman was destitute having spent all that she had.
 3. Jairus was a leader, one of the chief rulers of the synagogue, the synagogue was his 2nd home; the woman being defiled because of her condition dared not to set foot inside the synagogue.
 4. One was a “Godly” man, righteous, clean in the world’s eyes, but in desperate need.
 5. The other, unclean, a woman, and just as desperate.
 - Both seemingly meet at the feet of Jesus, both required prayer and the power of God.

V: 27 She came in the press behind, and touched His garment.

Leviticus 15:19-30 The issue of blood made this woman “un-clean”.

- The woman was un-touchable, an outcast, similar to the leper, she was breaking the rules to move through the crowd to approach Jesus.
- **Matthew 9:20 / Luke 8:44** “Touching the hem of His garment.”
- Hem of the garment represented power and righteousness, and it’s low to the ground. You can’t touch it without bowing down – an act of humility.

Mark 6:56 “Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begging Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.”

- Real deliverance & salvation involves humility – never arrogance.

James 4:6 “... God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

V: 28 “Trigger of faith.”

Acts 5:15 “Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.”

Acts 19:11-12 “¹¹Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹²so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.” (balance / icons)

Acts 14:7-10 “⁷And they were preaching the gospel there. ⁸And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother’s womb, who had never walked. ⁹This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, ¹⁰said with a loud voice, “stand up straight on your feet!” And he leaped and walked.”

Romans 10:17

V: 29 “*immediately*” - “*straightway*” - action Gospel.

- The woman didn’t cry out for Jesus to heal her audibly, but it was certainly the cry of her heart.

Psalm 30:2 “O LORD my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me.”

V: 30-31 Did Jesus really not know who? He’s omniscient, of course He knew. He was drawing something out – a testimony that would give glory to God.

- Immediately He knew, and she knew.
- To the crowd this was an absurd question given the situation with so many people thronging and touching Him. He wasn't talking to them, He was talking to her.
- She knew exactly what Jesus was talking about - it was directed specifically to her, it made perfect sense to her.

Hebrews 4:12 “For the Word of God is quick / living and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

V: 32-33 When He turned around, He didn't scan the crowd questioning which one it was, He turned around and looked directly at her - calling her out, just like He calls us out.

- What started out as a private exchange quickly became a public testimony. What started out as an inward change, quickly became an outward expression.

Psalms 66:16 “Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for my soul.”

- She humbly fell before Him and gave testimony, and in so doing she gave glory to God!

V: 34 As she humbled herself and gave thanks, praise, and glory to God, He affirmed her healing. He spoke a very personal, and a very important word:

“Daughter...” = relationship.

“... your faith has made you well, go in peace.”

Hebrews 11:6 “But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”

“... made you well...” “you've been delivered / rescued / set free.”

- “**Well / Whole**”: (G-4982). sozo, sode'-zo; “saved” (93x's), deliver or protect, heal, preserve, be (make) well or whole.

Ephesians 2:8-9 “⁸For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹not of works, lest any man should boast.”

- Could also read "... your faith has saved you..."

"healed / whole" (2nd) (G-5199). "hygies"; healthy, well (in body), whole; figuratively, used as a metaphor to mean true in doctrine, sound doctrine, teaching that does not deviate from the truth.

"Go in peace..."

Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

- She was healed of her physical ailment, but more importantly she was healed of her spiritual condition – separation from God, but now she has a personal relationship with God – she's a daughter!

Romans 5:1 "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

V: 35 Turning back to Jairus and his daughter:

- Jairus has come pleading with Jesus to come and heal his daughter, time was of the essence – then the "interruption" and the delay.

"While He was still speaking..." – as He was speaking – another interruption:

- News arrives that Jairus' daughter has died.
- What they are saying is that it's gone beyond any man's ability to remedy... which is generally true - But God!

Matthew 19:26 "But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

- Reading into their statement a little bit: obviously they don't believe that Jesus can do anything at this point, it's almost like they are trying to draw him back in a sense into the synagogue before he gets into trouble, "come back into the fold".

V: 36 Jesus quickly re-assures Jairus – *"... don't be afraid, only believe."*

2 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

- Don't focus on the trial, or the obstacle – focus on the One who can overcome it, focus on the Lord!

1 John 4:18 “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear has torment. He that fears is not made perfect in love.”

- How do we regain our focus on the Lord if through fear or some other means the enemy has distracted us?
- Prayer, worship, God’s word, ministry.

V: 37 Only a select few were to be witnesses – it wasn’t to be a dog & pony “show.”

2 Corinthians 13:1 “This will be the third time I am coming to you. “By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established.”

- Of course when the community sees the little girl out and about - that will be a clue!

V: 38-40 “Tumult – wept & wailed greatly.” (spectacle)

- Besides those who would naturally be grieved over a death in the family it was common for people to hire professional mourners. The greater the lament, the greater the person...
- Herod the great’s diabolical plan - not carried out.
- Someone in the household had probably already hired these mourners, or seizing on the opportunity they initiated it themselves in expectation of payment.

V: 39 Jesus again refers to “*sleeping*”, the death of a believer is only temporary, He may be speaking of her future salvation in the present tense due to what He knows will take place because of a believing father.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 “But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.”

- “Laughed” – not very sincere mourners.
- “Scorn” – resistance, ridicule.

V: 41 He took her by the hand – “defiled” by dead body, but not really dead.

- 3 times Jesus raised someone from the dead, this is the 1st.
- Each time Jesus raised someone from the dead, He spoke directly to them.

1 John 1:1 “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life.”

- “*Tali tha cumi*” = “*little girl, I say to you arise / stand up.*”

John 5:25 “Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.”

V: 42-43 She moved, demonstrated that she was alive.

Luke 8:55 “Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat.”

- 3 raised from the dead:

1. Jairus’ daughter – **Matthew 9, Luke 8:55** – came to life hungry.
2. Widow’s son – **Luke 7:15** – came to life speaking.
3. Lazarus – **John 11:44** – came to life walking.

2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

- **2 Corinthians 5:17**, new creatures alive in Jesus should be **HUNGRY** for the Word, **SPEAKING** the truth of Jesus, and **WALKING** with Jesus, no longer bound by death / sin!

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- This chapter portrays 3 different miracles with a common denominator:

1. **The demoniac** couldn’t be controlled or restrained by men, left in a living death in the tombs, naked, crying out – out of his mind:

V: 8 “Jesus said to him” - He spoke: then in **V: 15** the same man sitting, at rest, at peace, clothed, and in his right mind. (Peace, peace of mind, mental healing)

2. **The woman with the issue of blood**, defiled, unclean, life ebbing out of her.

V: 34 “And He said to her Daughter, your faith has made you well, go in peace, and be healed...” – again the Word of God at work. (Physical healing, restoration)

3. **Jairus’ daughter** – dead already:

V: 41 “And He took the damsel by the hand, and said to her.”

- Again the word of God brought life to that which was dead. (Life)

- Is your world spinning out of control, feeling kind of crazy, bound up - get into the Word.
- Do you feel like you're dying? Life ebbing away? Partake of the Word.
- Have your hopes been dashed, has tragedy come upon you. Dig into God's Word.

- In each instance it is the word of God mixed with faith.

Mark 9:24 "... Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"