**CRAWFORD BIBLE COMMENTARY**

# BIBLE STUDY

## Mark Chapter 5 —
## Deliverance, Healing, and Resurrection

**A Verse-by-Verse Bible Study from the Crawford Standard Bible**

## Introduction

Mark Chapter 5 continues right where Chapter 4 ended.

Jesus had just calmed a furious storm.

The disciples asked, **“Who is this?”**

Chapter 5 gives a powerful answer.

Jesus shows His authority over three great enemies.

- Demons.
- Disease.
- Death.

First, Jesus meets a man controlled by many demons.

He lived among the tombs.

No chains could hold him.

Jesus sets him free with a word.

Then Jesus crosses back over the lake.

A synagogue leader named Jairus begs Him to come heal his dying daughter.

On the way, a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years touches His cloak and is healed.

But the delay seems costly.

Word comes that Jairus' daughter has died.

Jesus says, **“Don't be afraid; just believe.”**

Then He takes the girl by the hand and raises her from the dead.

In every scene, Jesus meets people at their lowest point.

A man no one could help.

A woman no doctor could heal.

A father whose child was gone.

And Jesus restores each one.

The chapter moves through two movements:

- Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Man (verses 1–20).

- Jesus Heals a Woman and Raises a Girl (verses 21–43).

The central truth of Mark 5 is:

**Jesus has complete authority over demons, disease, and death, and He uses that power with compassion to restore those whom no one else can help.**

# I. THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE

## Mark 5:1 — The Region of the Gadarenes

**“They arrived on the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gadarenes.”**

**“They arrived on the other side of the lake.”**

Jesus said they would cross to the other side.

Despite the storm, they arrived.

**“In the region of the Gadarenes.”**

This was on the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee.

Different ancient copies and Gospels name the area slightly differently, using the names of nearby towns.

It was a mostly Gentile region.

The presence of a large herd of pigs shows this.

Jesus was reaching beyond Israel.

### Cross References

**Matthew 8:28**

> When Jesus came to the other side of the lake, into the area of the Gadarenes, two men with demons came out of the burial caves to meet Him.

**Luke 8:26**

> Jesus and His followers sailed to the area of the Gerasenes, across the lake from Galilee.

**Matthew 9:1**

> Jesus got into a boat and went back across the lake to His own town.

### Spiritual Principle

**Jesus crosses every boundary to reach those in need.**

### Key Truth

Jesus came through a storm to reach one man.

# II. FROM THE TOMBS

## Mark 5:2 — A Man with an Unclean Spirit

**“As soon as Jesus stepped out of the boat, a man with an unclean spirit came from the tombs to meet Him.”**

**“As soon as Jesus stepped out of the boat.”**

Jesus barely had time to set foot on shore.

**“A man with an unclean spirit.”**

This man was controlled by evil spirits.

**“Came from the tombs.”**

Tombs were often caves cut into the hills.

To Jews, tombs were places of uncleanness and death.

This man lived in the place of the dead.

Matthew mentions two men.

Mark and Luke focus on the one who stood out and later told his story.

### Cross References

**Matthew 8:28**

> Two men who had demons in them came out of the tombs. They were so violent that no one could travel on that road.

**Luke 8:27**

> As Jesus stepped onto the shore, a man from the town met Him. He had demons and had not worn clothes for a long time. He lived in the tombs, not in a house.

**Isaiah 65:4**

They sit among the graves and spend the night in secret places. They eat pig meat.

### Spiritual Principle

**Jesus goes to the darkest places to bring light.**

### Key Truth

No place is too dark for Jesus to enter.

# III. NO ONE COULD BIND HIM

## Mark 5:3 — Living Among the Tombs

**“This man lived among the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with chains.”**

**“This man lived among the tombs.”**

He had been driven away from normal life.

He had no home.

No family around him.

**“No one could bind him anymore, not even with chains.”**

People had tried to control him.

But nothing worked.

Human strength could not help him.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:27**

He had lived in the burial caves, not in a house, for a long time.

**Psalm 107:10**

Some people sat in darkness and deep gloom, held as prisoners in iron chains and misery.

**Judges 16:9**

But Samson snapped the ropes as easily as a string breaks when it touches fire.

### Spiritual Principle

**Some bondage is too strong for any human power to break.**

### Key Truth

What chains cannot control, Christ can set free.

# IV. NO ONE STRONG ENOUGH

## Mark 5:4 — Chains and Shackles Broken

**“Many times he had been bound hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the shackles; no one was strong enough to subdue him.”**

**“Many times he had been bound hand and foot.”**

People had tried again and again.

**“But he tore the chains apart and broke the shackles.”**

The evil spirits gave him terrible strength.

**“No one was strong enough to subdue him.”**

He was beyond human help.

Remember the strong man in Mark 3.

Here was the strong man's captive.

And the Stronger One had arrived.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:29**

> Many times the demon had taken hold of him. Even when he was chained hand and foot and guarded, he broke the chains and was driven by the demon into lonely places.

**Judges 16:9**

> He broke the ropes as if they were thread burned by a flame.

**Psalm 107:14**

> He brought them out of the darkness and deep gloom and broke their chains apart.

### Spiritual Principle

**Where human strength fails, Jesus' power prevails.**

### Key Truth

No one was strong enough to tame him, but Jesus was strong enough to free him.

# V. CRYING OUT NIGHT AND DAY

## Mark 5:5 — Cutting Himself

**“Night and day he cried out among the tombs and in the hills, cutting himself with stones.”**

**“Night and day he cried out.”**

His torment never stopped.

He had no rest.

**“Among the tombs and in the hills.”**

He wandered in lonely places.

**“Cutting himself with stones.”**

He was hurting himself.

This shows the destructive work of evil.

Satan does not only attack God.

He seeks to destroy people made in God's image.

A word of care for today:

Not everyone who struggles with self-harm or deep distress is under demonic control.

Many people today suffer from real pain and illness of the mind and heart.

Anyone who is hurting this way should reach out for help from people they trust, their church, and trained professionals.

Jesus cares deeply for those who are hurting, and help is available.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:29**

> The demon often seized him and drove him out into the wild places.

**1 Kings 18:28**

> So they shouted louder and cut themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until blood flowed.

**Leviticus 19:28**

> Do not cut your bodies for the dead or put tattoo marks on yourselves. I am the Lord.

### Spiritual Principle

**Evil seeks to destroy, but Jesus comes to restore.**

### Key Truth

Jesus sees the pain that others turn away from.

# VI. HE RAN AND BOWED

## Mark 5:6 — Before Jesus

**“When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed before Him,”**

**“When he saw Jesus from a distance.”**

The man noticed Jesus even from far away.

**“He ran and bowed before Him.”**

This is surprising.

The demons in him knew who Jesus was.

They could not resist bowing.

Perhaps also the man himself was reaching for help.

Every power must one day bow before Jesus.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:28**

When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down in front of Him, and shouted.

**Matthew 8:29**

They shouted, “What do You want with us, Son of God?”

**Philippians 2:10**

One day, when the name of Jesus is spoken, everyone in heaven, on earth, and below the earth will fall to their knees before Him.

### Spiritual Principle

**Every power in the universe must bow before Jesus.**

### Key Truth

The man ran toward the only One who could help him.

# VII. SON OF THE MOST HIGH GOD

## Mark 5:7 — Don't Torment Me

**“and cried out in a loud voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God you won't torment me!””**

**“What do you want with me, Jesus?”**

The demon was afraid of Jesus.

**“Son of the Most High God.”**

The demon knew exactly who Jesus was.

**Most High God** was a title often used by Gentiles for the true God.

**“Swear to God you won't torment me!”**

What irony.

A demon asking Jesus to swear by God.

The tormentor was afraid of being tormented.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:28**

> He shouted, “What do You want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Please, do not hurt me!”

**Matthew 8:29**

> “Did You come here to punish us before the right time?”

**James 2:19**

> So you believe God is one? That is fine. But the demons believe the same thing, and it makes them tremble.

### Spiritual Principle

**Demons know who Jesus is and fear Him.**

### Spiritual Warning

Knowing who Jesus is without trusting Him is not saving faith.

# VIII. COME OUT OF THIS MAN

## Mark 5:8 — Jesus' Command

**“For Jesus had already said, “Come out of this man, you unclean spirit!””**

Mark explains why the demon cried out.

Jesus had already commanded it to leave.

The demon was not in control.

Jesus was.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:29**

> For Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man.

**Mark 1:25**

> Jesus said firmly, “Be quiet! Come out of him!”

**Acts 16:18**

> Paul turned and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I order you to come out of her!” At that moment the spirit left her.

### Spiritual Principle

**The word of Jesus has power over every evil spirit.**

### Key Truth

When Jesus speaks, evil must obey.

# IX. MY NAME IS LEGION

## Mark 5:9 — For We Are Many

**“Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” The man replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.””**

**“What is your name?”**

Jesus asked a personal question.

**“My name is Legion.”**

A **legion** was a Roman army unit of several thousand soldiers.

**“For we are many.”**

This man was not troubled by one demon but by many.

His condition was extreme.

But not too extreme for Jesus.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:30**

> Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He answered, “Legion,” because many demons had gone into him.

**Mark 1:24**

> “What do You want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us?”

**Ephesians 6:12**

> We are not fighting against people. We are fighting against the rulers, authorities, and powers of darkness in this world.

### Spiritual Principle

**No amount of evil is too great for Jesus to overcome.**

### Key Truth

A legion of demons is no match for one word from Jesus.

# X. NOT OUT OF THE REGION

## Mark 5:10 — They Begged Him

**“And he begged Jesus repeatedly not to send them out of the region.”**

The demons knew they had to leave the man.

They knew they were defeated.

Now they begged for mercy.

They did not want to be sent away.

Luke says they begged not to be sent into the abyss.

The demons knew their final judgment would come.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:31**

> The demons kept begging Jesus not to order them to go into the bottomless pit.

**Matthew 8:31**

> The demons begged Jesus, “If You make us leave, send us into that herd of pigs.”

**Revelation 20:3**

> He threw Satan into the bottomless pit, closed it, and locked it so he could not fool the nations anymore.

### Spiritual Principle

**Evil spirits are under Jesus' authority and await His judgment.**

### Key Truth

Demons beg; Jesus decides.

# XI. A HERD OF PIGS

## Mark 5:11 — On the Hillside

**“Nearby a large herd of pigs was feeding on the hillside.”**

Pigs were unclean animals under the law of Moses.

Jews did not raise pigs.

This shows that Jesus was in Gentile territory.

The scene was full of uncleanness.

An unclean spirit.

An unclean place of tombs.

Unclean animals.

Into all this uncleanness, the holy Son of God had come.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:32**

> A large herd of pigs was feeding on the hill.

**Matthew 8:30**

> Some distance away a large herd of pigs was feeding.

**Leviticus 11:7**

> The pig has a split hoof but does not chew the cud. It is unclean for you.

### Spiritual Principle

**Jesus brings holiness into places full of uncleanness.**

### Key Truth

The Holy One was not afraid to enter unclean places.

# XII. SEND US AMONG THE PIGS

## Mark 5:12 — The Demons' Request

**“The demons begged Him, “Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.””**

**“The demons begged Him.”**

Again the demons recognized Jesus' authority.

They could not act without His permission.

**“Send us among the pigs.”**

They asked to go into the animals.

Their nature is to destroy.

If they could not destroy the man, they would destroy something else.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:32**

The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs.

**Matthew 8:31**

The demons pleaded, “If You drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs.”

**Isaiah 65:4**

They spend their nights in tombs and eat the meat of pigs.

### Spiritual Principle

**Evil cannot act beyond what God allows.**

### Key Truth

Even demons must ask Jesus' permission.

# XIII. INTO THE LAKE

## Mark 5:13 — Two Thousand Pigs

**“Jesus gave them permission, and the unclean spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs. The herd—about two thousand in number—rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.”**

**“Jesus gave them permission.”**

Jesus allowed it.

**“The unclean spirits came out of the man.”**

The man was free.

**“And entered the pigs.”**

The demons went into the animals.

**“About two thousand in number.”**

This shows how many demons had been tormenting this one man.

**“Rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.”**

The destruction of the pigs showed the destructive power of evil.

It also gave visible proof that the demons had truly left the man.

Some ask why Jesus allowed this loss.

The Bible does not explain everything.

But it shows that one human life is worth far more than a herd of animals.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:33**

> The demons came out of the man and went into the pigs. Then the herd rushed down the hill into the lake and drowned.

**Matthew 8:32**

> He told them, “Go!” So they came out and went into the pigs. The whole herd rushed down the hill into the lake and died in the water.

**Exodus 14:28**

> The water came back and covered the chariots and horsemen, the whole army of Pharaoh. Not one of them survived.

### Spiritual Principle

**One human soul is worth more than any earthly possession.**

### Key Truth

The goal of evil is destruction; the goal of Jesus is restoration.

# XIV. THE PEOPLE CAME TO SEE

## Mark 5:14 — The Herdsmen Reported

**“Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people came to see what had happened.”**

**“Those tending the pigs ran off.”**

The herdsmen were shocked and afraid.

**“And reported this in the town and countryside.”**

News spread quickly.

**“The people came to see what had happened.”**

Everyone wanted to see for themselves.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:34**

> When the men taking care of the pigs saw what happened, they ran off and told it in the town and the countryside.

**Matthew 8:33**

> Those tending the pigs ran into town and told everything, including what had happened to the men with demons.

**Luke 8:36**

> Those who had seen it told the others how the man with demons had been made well.

### Spiritual Principle

**The works of Jesus cannot stay hidden.**

### Key Truth

When Jesus changes a life, people come to see.

# XV. IN HIS RIGHT MIND

## Mark 5:15 — Sitting, Dressed, and Calm

**“They came to Jesus and saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.”**

Look at the change in this man.

**“Sitting there.”**

Before, he was running wild.

Now he was calm and still.

**“Dressed.”**

Before, he was naked.

Now he was clothed.

**“And in his right mind.”**

Before, he was tormented and out of control.

Now he could think clearly.

**“And they were afraid.”**

This is surprising.

They were not afraid when the man was wild.

They were afraid when he was well.

The power of Jesus frightened them.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:35**

> The people came out to see. When they came to Jesus, they found the man sitting at His feet, dressed and thinking clearly, and they were afraid.

**Matthew 8:34**

> The whole town came out to meet Jesus.

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

> When someone belongs to Christ, that person is made new. The old things are gone, and everything has become new.

### Spiritual Principle

**Jesus brings peace, dignity, and a sound mind to those He sets free.**

### Application

What has Jesus changed in your life?

# XVI. THEY TOLD WHAT HAPPENED

## Mark 5:16 — The Report

**“Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and about the pigs as well.”**

The eyewitnesses told the whole story.

The man.

And the pigs.

Notice the two parts of the report.

Some people were thinking about the man.

Others were thinking about the pigs.

What they cared about would shape how they responded.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:36**

The people who had seen it told the others how Jesus had healed the man.

**Matthew 8:33**

They went into the town and told about everything.

**John 4:39**

Many Samaritans from that town believed in Jesus because of what the woman said: “He told me everything I ever did.”

### Spiritual Principle

**What we value shapes how we respond to Jesus.**

### Key Truth

Some saw a man restored; others saw only pigs lost.

# XVII. PLEASE LEAVE

## Mark 5:17 — Begging Jesus to Go

**“Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.”**

This is one of the saddest verses in Mark.

A man had been set free.

The Son of God was standing among them.

And they begged Him to leave.

Why?

They were afraid of His power.

They had lost money with the pigs.

They preferred their old life to the change Jesus brought.

And Jesus left.

He does not force Himself on anyone.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:37**

> Then all the people in the area asked Jesus to leave, because they were very afraid. So He got into the boat and went back.

**Matthew 8:34**

> When they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their area.

**Acts 16:39**

> The officials came and apologized to them. They led them out of the jail and asked them to leave the city.

### Spiritual Principle

**Some people would rather keep their comfort than have Jesus change their lives.**

### Spiritual Warning

Jesus will not stay where He is not wanted.

# XVIII. LET ME GO WITH YOU

## Mark 5:18 — The Healed Man's Request

**“As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with Him.”**

Notice the contrast.

The demons begged.

The townspeople begged Jesus to leave.

The healed man begged to go with Jesus.

He loved the One who had saved him.

He wanted to stay close to Him.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:38**

The man who had been freed from the demons begged to go with Jesus.

**Matthew 8:34**

The people of the town begged Jesus to leave.

**Mark 3:14**

He chose twelve so that they could be with Him and so He could send them out to preach.

### Spiritual Principle

**Those who are set free by Jesus want to be near Him.**

### Application

Do you long to be close to Jesus?

# XIX. GO HOME AND TELL

## Mark 5:19 — How Much the Lord Has Done

**“But Jesus did not permit him. He said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you.””**

**“But Jesus did not permit him.”**

Jesus said no.

Not because He did not love him.

Because He had a mission for him.

**“Go home to your own people.”**

The people of this region had asked Jesus to leave.

But Jesus left a witness behind.

**“Tell them how much the Lord has done for you.”**

He did not need special training.

He only needed to tell his story.

**“And how He has had mercy on you.”**

The heart of his testimony was mercy.

Notice the difference from other miracles.

Elsewhere Jesus told people to keep quiet.

Here, in Gentile territory, He told the man to tell everyone.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:39**

> Go back home and tell people how much God has done for you.

**Psalm 66:16**

> Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what He has done for me.

**1 Chronicles 16:8**

> Give thanks to the Lord and call on His name. Let all the nations know what He has done.

### Spiritual Principle

**Every believer has a story of God's mercy to tell.**

### Application

Who needs to hear what the Lord has done for you?

# XX. PROCLAIMING IN THE DECAPOLIS

## Mark 5:20 — All the People Were Amazed

**“So the man went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.”**

**“So the man went away.”**

He obeyed.

**“And began to proclaim in the Decapolis.”**

The **Decapolis** was a group of ten Greek cities.

It was a Gentile region.

**“How much Jesus had done for him.”**

Jesus told him to tell what **the Lord** had done.

He told what **Jesus** had done.

He understood that Jesus is the Lord.

**“And all the people were amazed.”**

When Jesus later returned to this region, crowds came to Him.

One man's testimony prepared the way.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:39**

> The man went all over town telling how much Jesus had done for him.

**Matthew 4:25**

> Large crowds followed Him from Galilee, the Ten Cities, Jerusalem, Judea, and the land east of the Jordan.

**Mark 7:31**

> Then Jesus left the area of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, through the area of the Ten Cities.

### Spiritual Principle

**One changed life can prepare a whole region for Jesus.**

### Key Truth

The man once chained among the tombs became the first missionary to the Decapolis.

# XXI. BACK ACROSS THE LAKE

## Mark 5:21 — A Large Crowd Gathered

**“When Jesus crossed again by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around Him while He was by the shore.”**

Jesus returned to the Jewish side of the lake.

On one side, people begged Him to leave.

On this side, people crowded around Him.

### Cross References

**Matthew 9:1**

Jesus got into a boat, crossed the lake, and came to His own town.

**Luke 8:40**

When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed Him, because they had all been waiting for Him.

**Matthew 14:34**

When they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret.

### Spiritual Principle

**Jesus goes where He is welcomed.**

### Key Truth

Some push Jesus away, while others wait eagerly for Him.

# XXII. JAIRUS FELL AT HIS FEET

## Mark 5:22 — A Synagogue Ruler

**“Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came and fell at His feet.”**

**“One of the synagogue rulers.”**

Jairus was an important man.

He led the synagogue in his town.

Many religious leaders opposed Jesus.

But Jairus came to Him.

**“Named Jairus.”**

Mark gives his name.

This suggests Jairus may have been known to the early church.

**“Came and fell at His feet.”**

An important man humbled himself.

Desperate need breaks down pride.

### Cross References

**Matthew 9:18**

> While Jesus was saying this, a synagogue leader came and bowed down in front of Him.

**Luke 8:41**

> A man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet.

**John 11:32**

> When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet.

### Spiritual Principle

**Desperate need humbles even the proud.**

### Key Truth

Position and status mean nothing when your child is dying.

# XXIII. MY LITTLE DAUGHTER IS DYING

## Mark 5:23 — An Earnest Plea

**“He pleaded earnestly, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and lay Your hands on her so she may be healed and live.””**

**“He pleaded earnestly.”**

Jairus begged again and again.

**“My little daughter is dying.”**

This is every parent's worst fear.

**“Please come and lay Your hands on her.”**

He believed Jesus' touch could heal her.

**“So she may be healed and live.”**

Jairus had faith.

He believed Jesus could save his daughter's life.

### Cross References

**Matthew 9:18**

He said, “My daughter has just died. But come and put Your hand on her, and she will live.”

**Luke 8:42**

His only daughter, about twelve years old, was dying.

**2 Kings 4:32**

When Elisha came into the house, there was the boy lying dead on his bed.

### Spiritual Principle

**Bring your deepest needs to Jesus with earnest prayer.**

### Application

What deep need do you need to bring to Jesus today?

# XXIV. JESUS WENT WITH HIM

## Mark 5:24 — The Crowd Pressed Around

**“So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around Him.”**

**“So Jesus went with him.”**

Jesus did not hesitate.

He went.

**“A large crowd followed and pressed around Him.”**

People pushed and crowded.

Progress was slow.

Every moment mattered.

Jairus must have been anxious to hurry.

### Cross References

**Matthew 9:19**

Jesus got up and went with him, and His followers went too.

**Luke 8:42**

As Jesus went, the people crowded all around Him.

**Mark 3:9**

He told His followers to have a small boat ready so the crowd would not crush Him.

### Spiritual Principle

**Jesus is willing to go with us into our crisis.**

### Key Truth

When you ask Jesus to come, He comes.

# XXV. TWELVE YEARS OF BLEEDING

## Mark 5:25 — A Suffering Woman

**“A woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years.”**

Now Mark interrupts the story.

A woman was in the crowd.

**“Who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years.”**

Her condition made her ceremonially unclean under the law.

She could not worship at the temple.

Anyone she touched would also become unclean.

For twelve years, she had been isolated.

Notice: Jairus' daughter was twelve years old.

For as long as that little girl had been alive, this woman had been suffering.

### Cross References

**Matthew 9:20**

> Then a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years came up behind Jesus.

**Luke 8:43**

> A woman was there who had been bleeding for twelve years, and no one could heal her.

**Leviticus 15:25**

> If a woman has bleeding for many days, or at a time other than her monthly period, she will be unclean for as long as it lasts.

### Spiritual Principle

**Jesus sees those who have suffered long in silence.**

### Key Truth

Twelve years of suffering were about to end in a moment.

# XXVI. SHE GREW WORSE

## Mark 5:26 — Many Doctors

**“She had suffered much under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, but instead of getting better she grew worse.”**

**“She had suffered much under the care of many doctors.”**

She had tried everything.

Some treatments in those days were painful and strange.

**“And had spent all she had.”**

She was now poor.

**“But instead of getting better she grew worse.”**

She had lost her health, her money, and her hope.

Human help had failed her completely.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:43**

She had spent all her money on doctors, but none of them could heal her.

**Matthew 9:20**

A woman who had suffered from bleeding for twelve years came near Him.

**Jeremiah 46:11**

You have tried many medicines, but nothing can heal you.

### Spiritual Principle

**When every human answer fails, Jesus is still able.**

### Key Truth

Jesus is the hope of those who have run out of hope.

# XXVII. SHE TOUCHED HIS CLOAK

## Mark 5:27 — From Behind in the Crowd

**"When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind Him in the crowd and touched His cloak."**

**"When she heard about Jesus."**

News about Jesus gave her hope.

**"She came up behind Him in the crowd."**

She came secretly.

She was unclean.

She was ashamed.

She did not want to be seen.

**"And touched His cloak."**

By the law, her touch would make Jesus unclean.

But instead, His holiness would make her clean.

### Cross References

**Matthew 9:20**

She came up behind Him and touched the edge of His cloak.

**Luke 8:44**

She came up behind Jesus and touched the bottom of His coat.

**Matthew 14:36**

The sick begged to touch even the edge of His coat, and all who touched it were healed.

### Spiritual Principle

**Hearing about Jesus can stir faith that reaches out to Him.**

### Key Truth

Faith reaches for Jesus, even with trembling hands.

# XXVIII. IF I JUST TOUCH HIS CLOTHES

## Mark 5:28 — Her Faith

**“For she thought, “If I just touch His clothes, I will be healed.””**

This was her faith.

It may have been mixed with some superstition.

She thought she could be healed secretly.

But her faith was real.

She believed Jesus had power to heal her.

Even imperfect faith that reaches for Jesus is honored by Him.

### Cross References

**Matthew 9:21**

She said to herself, “If I only touch His coat, I will be healed.”

**Luke 8:44**

She touched His coat, and right away her bleeding stopped.

**Matthew 14:36**

Everyone who touched His cloak was made well.

### Spiritual Principle

**Jesus honors even small or imperfect faith that reaches for Him.**

### Key Truth

The power is not in the strength of our faith but in the One we trust.

# XXIX. IMMEDIATELY HEALED

## Mark 5:29 — Freed from Her Suffering

**“Immediately her bleeding stopped, and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.”**

**“Immediately her bleeding stopped.”**

Twelve years of suffering ended in an instant.

**“And she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.”**

She knew it.

She could feel the difference.

What doctors could not do in twelve years, Jesus did in a moment.

### Cross References

**Matthew 9:22**

At that moment the woman was healed.

**Luke 8:44**

Right away her bleeding stopped.

**Psalm 103:3**

He is the One who pardons every wrong I have done and cures every disease I have.

### Spiritual Principle

**Jesus' power heals completely and immediately when He chooses.**

### Key Truth

One touch of Jesus can undo years of suffering.

# XXX. WHO TOUCHED MY CLOTHES?

## Mark 5:30 — Power Had Gone Out

**“At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from Him. He turned in the crowd and asked, “Who touched My clothes?””**

**“At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from Him.”**

Jesus knew healing power had gone out.

This was not magic.

It was Jesus' own power, given in response to faith.

**“He turned in the crowd and asked, ‘Who touched My clothes?’”**

Jesus knew who it was.

But He wanted her to come forward.

He wanted to give her more than physical healing.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:45**

> Jesus asked, “Who touched Me?” When everyone denied it, Peter said, “Master, the people are crowding and pushing against You.”

**Luke 8:46**

> But Jesus said, “Someone touched Me. I know that power has gone out from Me.”

**Luke 6:19**

> All the people tried to touch Him, because power was coming from Him and healing them all.

### Spiritual Principle

**Jesus knows when faith reaches out to Him.**

### Key Truth

In a crowd of hundreds, Jesus noticed one person's touch of faith.

# XXXI. YOU SEE THE CROWD

## Mark 5:31 — The Disciples' Surprise

**“His disciples said, “You see the crowd pressing against You, and yet You ask, ‘Who touched Me?’””**

The disciples thought the question was strange.

Everyone was touching Jesus.

People were bumping and pushing.

But there is a difference between being near Jesus and reaching out to Him in faith.

Many touched Him.

Only one touched Him with faith.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:45**

> Peter said, “Master, the crowds are all around You and pushing against You.”

**Mark 6:37**

> But Jesus answered, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “Are we supposed to go spend a lot of money on bread?”

**Mark 8:4**

> His followers answered, “How can anyone get enough bread out here in the desert to feed all these people?”

### Spiritual Principle

**Being near Jesus is not the same as reaching out to Him in faith.**

### Key Truth

Many crowd around Jesus, but few truly reach for Him.

# XXXII. HE KEPT LOOKING

## Mark 5:32 — Searching the Crowd

**“But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it.”**

Jesus would not move on.

Even with Jairus waiting.

Even with a dying girl.

He kept looking.

He wanted to meet this woman face to face.

She was not just a healing.

She was a person He loved.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:47**

> The woman saw that she could not hide, so she came forward trembling.

**John 1:48**

> Nathanael asked, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

**1 Samuel 16:7**

> People look at the outside, but the Lord looks at the heart.

### Spiritual Principle

**Jesus wants a personal relationship, not just to meet a need.**

### Key Truth

Jesus does not want to heal us from a distance; He wants to know us.

# XXXIII. THE WHOLE TRUTH

## Mark 5:33 — She Fell at His Feet

**“Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came trembling and fell at His feet and told Him the whole truth.”**

**“Knowing what had happened to her.”**

She knew she had been healed.

**“Came trembling.”**

She was afraid.

Would He be angry that an unclean woman had touched Him?

**“And fell at His feet.”**

Like Jairus, she bowed before Jesus.

**“And told Him the whole truth.”**

She held nothing back.

Her shame.

Her suffering.

Her secret touch.

And her healing.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:47**

> Seeing that she could not stay hidden, the woman came shaking and fell at His feet. In front of everyone she told why she had touched Him and how she had been healed right away.

**Matthew 9:22**

> Jesus turned and saw her.

**1 John 1:9**

> When we confess our sins to God, He keeps His promise and does what is right. He forgives us and cleans away all our wrongdoing.

### Spiritual Principle

**Coming to Jesus honestly brings complete healing.**

### Application

Is there something you need to tell Jesus honestly?

# XXXIV. DAUGHTER, GO IN PEACE

## Mark 5:34 — Your Faith Has Made You Well

**“He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed of your affliction.””**

**“Daughter.”**

This is the only time in the Gospels Jesus calls someone “daughter.”

The woman who had been cut off from everyone now belonged to a family.

**“Your faith has made you well.”**

The word here can also mean **saved**.

She was healed in body and restored in soul.

**“Go in peace.”**

Not just the absence of trouble.

Wholeness with God.

**“And be healed of your affliction.”**

Jesus publicly declared her clean.

She could return to her community.

She came in secret and shame.

She left in public and peace.

### Cross References

**Matthew 9:22**

> Jesus turned around, looked at her, and said, “Cheer up, My daughter. Because you trusted Me, you are well.” From then on she was healthy.

**Luke 8:48**

> He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace.”

**Luke 7:50**

> Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

### Spiritual Principle

**Jesus heals the body, restores the soul, and welcomes us into His family.**

### Key Truth

The woman who was cut off for twelve years was called “Daughter.”

# XXXV. YOUR DAUGHTER IS DEAD

## Mark 5:35 — Why Bother the Teacher?

**“While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the Teacher anymore?””**

**“While Jesus was still speaking.”**

The timing was terrible.

**“Your daughter is dead.”**

The words Jairus feared most.

The delay seemed to have cost his daughter's life.

**“Why bother the Teacher anymore?”**

They thought it was over.

Jesus could heal the sick.

But surely He could not raise the dead.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:49**

> While Jesus was still talking, someone came from the house of Jairus and said, “Your daughter is dead. Do not bother the Teacher anymore.”

**Matthew 9:18**

> “My daughter has just died. But come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live.”

**John 11:21**

> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”

### Spiritual Principle

**What looks like the end to us is not the end to Jesus.**

### Key Truth

Jesus is never too late.

# XXXVI. DON'T BE AFRAID; JUST BELIEVE

## Mark 5:36 — Jesus Speaks to Jairus

**“Ignoring what they said, Jesus told Jairus, “Don't be afraid; just believe.””**

**“Ignoring what they said.”**

Jesus overheard the message.

But He would not let it have the last word.

**“Don't be afraid.”**

Fear was the natural response.

Jesus told him to stop being afraid.

**“Just believe.”**

Keep trusting.

Keep believing.

Jairus had believed Jesus could heal.

Now he must believe Jesus could do even more.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:50**

> When Jesus heard this, He said to Jairus, “Do not be afraid. Only believe, and she will be made well.”

**John 11:40**

> Jesus said, “Didn't I tell you that if you believed, you would see God's glory?”

**Isaiah 41:10**

> Do not be scared, because I am right beside you. Do not lose heart, because I am your God. I will give you strength and come to your aid.

### Spiritual Principle

**Faith overcomes fear by trusting Jesus even when the news is bad.**

### Application

What bad news do you need to answer with faith?

# XXXVII. PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN

## Mark 5:37 — Only Three

**“He did not let anyone follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.”**

Jesus left the crowd behind.

He took only three disciples.

Peter, James, and John.

These three formed Jesus' inner circle.

They would also see His glory on the mountain.

And they would be near Him in Gethsemane.

Some moments are not for crowds.

### Cross References

**Matthew 17:1**

> Six days later, Jesus took Peter, James, and John the brother of James up on a high mountain by themselves.

**Mark 9:2**

> Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain alone.

**Mark 14:33**

> He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be very troubled and distressed.

### Spiritual Principle

**Jesus reveals Himself in special ways to those who are close to Him.**

### Key Truth

Some of the deepest lessons are learned away from the crowds.

# XXXVIII. CRYING AND WAILING

## Mark 5:38 — The Commotion at the House

**“When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw the commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly.”**

The house was full of noise.

In that culture, mourning was loud and public.

Families even hired professional mourners and flute players.

The weeping showed that the girl was truly dead.

Everyone knew it.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:51**

> When Jesus came to the house, He let only Peter, John, James, and the girl's parents go in with Him.

**Matthew 9:23**

> When Jesus went into the leader's house, He saw the flute players and the noisy crowd.

**Jeremiah 9:17**

> The Lord says, “Think about this! Call for the women who mourn for the dead. Send for the ones who are best at it.”

### Spiritual Principle

**Jesus enters into the grief of families who mourn.**

### Key Truth

Jesus walks right into the house of sorrow.

# XXXIX. NOT DEAD BUT ASLEEP

## Mark 5:39 — Why All This Uproar?

**“He went inside and said to them, “Why all this uproar and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep.””**

**“Why all this uproar and weeping?”**

Jesus asked them to stop.

**“The child is not dead but asleep.”**

Jesus was not saying she was only in a coma.

She was truly dead.

But to Jesus, death is like sleep.

Sleep is temporary.

You wake up from sleep.

And Jesus was about to wake her.

For believers, death is not the end.

It is a sleep from which Jesus will awaken us.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:52**

> Everyone was crying and sad for the girl. But Jesus said, “Stop crying. She is not dead, only asleep.”

**Matthew 9:24**

> He said, “Go away. The girl is not dead, only sleeping.” But they laughed at Him.

**John 11:11**

> Jesus said, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to wake him up.”

### Spiritual Principle

**To Jesus, death is like sleep, because He has power to awaken the dead.**

### Key Truth

For those who belong to Jesus, death is not the end of the story.

# XL. THEY LAUGHED AT HIM

## Mark 5:40 — Putting Them Outside

**“But they laughed at Him. After putting them all outside, He took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with Him, and went in where the child was.”**

**“But they laughed at Him.”**

Their tears quickly turned to mocking.

They knew she was dead.

They thought Jesus was foolish.

**“After putting them all outside.”**

Jesus sent away the unbelievers.

**“He took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with Him.”**

Only a few witnesses stayed.

People of faith and love.

**“And went in where the child was.”**

Jesus went straight to the place of death.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:53**

> They laughed at Him, because they knew she was dead.

**Matthew 9:24**

> They made fun of Him.

**2 Kings 4:33**

> Elisha went in, shut the door behind him, and prayed to the Lord.

### Spiritual Principle

**Jesus is not stopped by the laughter of unbelief.**

### Key Truth

The world may laugh at faith, but it will not have the last word.

# XLI. TALITHA CUMI

## Mark 5:41 — Little Girl, Get Up

**“He took her by the hand and said, “Talitha cumi!”—which means, “Little girl, I say to you, get up!””**

**“He took her by the hand.”**

Touching a dead body made a person unclean.

But Jesus took her hand.

Again, His life overcame uncleanness and death.

**“Talitha cumi!”**

Mark records the very words Jesus spoke in Aramaic, the language He usually spoke.

Peter must have remembered them all his life.

**“Little girl, I say to you, get up!”**

These are gentle, tender words.

The kind of words a parent might say to wake a child in the morning.

Jesus raised the dead with the voice of love.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:54**

> Jesus took her by the hand and called out, “My child, get up!”

**Matthew 9:25**

> After the crowd was put outside, He went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up.

**1 Kings 17:21**

> Elijah stretched himself over the boy three times and cried to the Lord, “Lord my God, please let this boy's life come back into him!”

### Spiritual Principle

**Jesus speaks life into death with tenderness and power.**

### Key Truth

The voice that wakes a child from sleep is the same voice that will wake the dead.

# XLII. SHE STOOD UP

## Mark 5:42 — Completely Astonished

**“Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished.”**

**“Immediately the girl stood up.”**

Life returned instantly.

**“And began to walk around.”**

She was not weak.

She was fully restored.

**“She was twelve years old.”**

Twelve years, like the woman's suffering.

Twelve years of life given back.

**“At this they were completely astonished.”**

They were overwhelmed.

They had seen the impossible.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:55**

> Her spirit came back into her, and she stood up right away. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat.

**Matthew 9:25**

> He took the girl's hand, and she got up.

**Acts 9:40**

> Peter sent everyone out of the room, knelt, and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up.

### Spiritual Principle

**Jesus has complete authority over death.**

### Key Truth

Death itself must obey the voice of Jesus.

# XLIII. GIVE HER SOMETHING TO EAT

## Mark 5:43 — Strict Orders and Tender Care

**“Jesus gave them strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and He told them to give her something to eat.”**

**“Jesus gave them strict orders not to let anyone know about this.”**

Jesus again asked for silence.

He did not want to be seen only as a miracle worker.

His full purpose would be revealed through the cross.

**“And He told them to give her something to eat.”**

What a beautiful detail.

The One who had just raised the dead thought about a hungry little girl.

Jesus cares about big miracles and small needs.

The food also showed she was truly alive.

### Cross References

**Luke 8:56**

> Her parents were amazed, but Jesus told them not to tell anyone what had happened.

**Mark 1:44**

> Jesus said, “Be sure you do not tell anyone about this.”

**Mark 7:36**

> Jesus ordered the people not to tell anyone, but the more He told them, the more they spread the news.

### Spiritual Principle

**The Lord of life cares about our everyday needs.**

### Key Truth

The same Jesus who conquers death remembers that a little girl needs breakfast.

# XLIV. FIVE GREAT LESSONS FROM MARK 5

## 1. Jesus Has Power Over Demons

**“My name is Legion, for we are many.”**

### Principle:

**Even a legion of unclean spirits must bow to Him.**

## 2. Testimony Matters

**“Tell them how much the Lord has done for you.”**

### Principle:

**The healed man was sent to tell what the Lord had done, showing the power of personal witness.**

## 3. Faith Brings Healing

**“Daughter, your faith has made you well.”**

### Principle:

**The woman who had been bleeding was healed because she believed.**

## 4. Fear Is Overcome by Faith

**“Don't be afraid; just believe.”**

### Principle:

**Jairus was called to keep trusting Jesus even after hearing the worst news.**

## 5. Jesus Has Authority Over Life and Death

**“Little girl, I say to you, get up!”**

### Principle:

**The raising of Jairus' daughter points to Jesus' final victory over death.**

# XLV. THREE PEOPLE AT THEIR LOWEST

Mark 5 shows Jesus meeting three people when all hope seemed gone.

## 1. The Man Among the Tombs

- Tormented by many demons.
- Cut off from society.

- Hurting himself.
- No one could help him.
- Jesus set him free.

### 2. The Woman in the Crowd

- Sick for twelve years.
- Unclean and isolated.
- Poor from paying doctors.
- No one could heal her.
- Jesus made her well and called her “Daughter.”

### 3. The Father and His Daughter

- A child who was dying, then dead.
- A father whose hope was crushed.
- A house full of mourning.
- No one could bring her back.
- Jesus raised her to life.

**Crawford Bible Study Principle**

**When no one else can help, Jesus can.**

# XLVI. THE TWO DAUGHTERS

Mark 5 links two daughters together.

### The Woman

- Suffered for twelve years.
- Was unclean and alone.
- Touched Jesus secretly.
- Was called “Daughter” by Jesus.

## The Girl

- Was twelve years old.
- Was dying and then died.
- Was touched by Jesus.
- Was called “Little girl” by Jesus.

## What They Teach Us

- Jesus has time for everyone.
- The delay for one was not a loss for the other.
- Jesus is never too late.

### Key Truth

**Jesus' timing is perfect, even when it seems like He is delaying.**

# XLVII. HOW TO SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY

Verses 19–20 show how a changed life becomes a witness.

## Go Home

Start with the people who know you best.

## Tell What the Lord Has Done

Share your own story.

## Tell How He Had Mercy

Point to God's mercy, not your goodness.

## Tell About Jesus

Make sure people know who did it.

### Let God Work

**“All the people were amazed.”**

**Crawford Bible Study Principle**

**You do not need special training to tell what Jesus has done for you.**

# XLVIII. WHAT MARK 5 TEACHES ABOUT JESUS

### He Is the Son of the Most High God

**“Jesus, Son of the Most High God.”**

### He Is Stronger Than Any Demon

**“Come out of this man, you unclean spirit!”**

### He Restores Minds and Lives

**“Sitting there, dressed and in his right mind.”**

### He Is the Lord

**“Tell them how much the Lord has done for you.”**

### He Notices the Hidden

**“Who touched My clothes?”**

### He Welcomes the Outcast

**“Daughter, your faith has made you well.”**

### He Conquers Death

**“Little girl, I say to you, get up!”**

### He Cares About Small Needs

**“Give her something to eat.”**

**Crawford Bible Study Principle**

**Jesus is mighty enough to conquer death and tender enough to remember a child's hunger.**

# XLIX. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR PERSONAL STUDY

## Question 1

**Where did Jesus meet the man with the unclean spirit?**

Among the tombs in a Gentile region on the eastern side of the lake.

## Question 2

**Why could no one control the man?**

He was controlled by many demons and broke every chain.

## Question 3

**What does the name “Legion” mean?**

A Roman army unit of thousands of soldiers, showing that many demons were in him.

## Question 4

**Why did Jesus let the demons go into the pigs?**

The Bible does not explain fully, but it showed the demons truly left and that one person is worth more than a herd of animals.

## Question 5

**Why did the people ask Jesus to leave?**

They were afraid of His power and upset about the loss of the pigs.

## Question 6

**Why didn't Jesus let the healed man come with Him?**

He sent him home to tell his people what the Lord had done.

## Question 7

**Who was Jairus?**

A synagogue ruler whose twelve-year-old daughter was dying.

## Question 8

**Why was the woman's condition so hard?**

She was sick, poor, and considered unclean, which cut her off from worship and from others.

## Question 9

**Why did Jesus ask who touched Him?**

He wanted to meet her personally, restore her publicly, and call her “Daughter.”

## Question 10

**What did Jesus tell Jairus when he heard his daughter had died?**

“Don't be afraid; just believe.”

## Question 11

**Why did Jesus say the girl was asleep?**

Because to Jesus, death is like sleep; He had the power to wake her.

## Question 12

**What should Mark 5 change about the way Christians live today?**

Mark 5 should cause believers to live:

- Trusting Jesus' power over every evil.
- Telling others what the Lord has done for them.
- Reaching out to Jesus in faith.
- Coming to Him honestly with their whole story.
- Refusing to let fear replace faith.
- Trusting Jesus' timing.

- Facing death with hope.
- Caring for both great and small needs.

# L. PERSONAL APPLICATION

Mark 5 asks several important questions.

## Is There Something Holding Me Captive?

Have I brought it to Jesus?

## Am I Telling My Story?

Who needs to hear what the Lord has done for me?

## Do I Want Jesus to Stay or Go?

Am I afraid of the changes He might bring?

## Am I Reaching for Jesus?

Or just standing in the crowd?

## Have I Told Jesus the Whole Truth?

Is there anything I am hiding?

## How Do I Respond to Bad News?

With fear or with faith?

## Do I Trust Jesus' Timing?

Even when He seems to delay?

## Do I Believe Jesus Conquers Death?

Does this give me hope?

# LI. A CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

## “Never Too Late”

Jairus was in a hurry.

His little girl was dying.

Every moment mattered.

Then Jesus stopped.

He stopped for a woman who had been sick for twelve years.

He stopped to ask a question.

He stopped to listen to her whole story.

Jairus must have been in agony.

Then the news came.

**“Your daughter is dead.”**

It seemed too late.

The delay seemed to have cost everything.

But Jesus turned to Jairus and said, **“Don't be afraid; just believe.”**

And then He raised the girl from the dead.

This creates a powerful principle.

Jesus' delays are not denials.

When it seems too late to us, it is not too late for Him.

The One who conquers death is never late.

### Principle:

**Jesus is never too late, because He holds power even over death.**

# LII. FINAL APPLICATION

Mark Chapter 5 shows Jesus' power over everything that destroys life.

He set free a man held by a legion of demons.

He healed a woman no doctor could help.

He raised a little girl from the dead.

In each case, Jesus met people at their lowest point.

And in each case, He restored them completely.

Mark 5 therefore reminds us:

Never think anyone is beyond Jesus' help.

Never be silent about what He has done for you.

Never send Jesus away because you fear change.

Never stop reaching for Him in faith.

Never let bad news silence your faith.

The church does not need people who only crowd around Jesus.

It needs:

**People set free who tell their story.**

**People who reach out in faith.**

**People who trust Him when the news is bad.**

**And people who believe He conquers death.**

The same Jesus still calls:

Tell people that Jesus can set them free.

Tell people that Jesus heals and restores.

Tell people that Jesus welcomes the outcast as family.

Tell people that Jesus has conquered death.

And as you live:

**Reach out to Him.**

**Tell what He has done.**

**Don't be afraid.**

**Just believe.**

# Closing Prayer

**Heavenly Father,**

Thank You that Jesus is the Son of the Most High God.

Thank You that no power of evil can stand against Him.

Thank You that He sets captives free and restores minds and lives.

Thank You that He notices those who reach out to Him in faith.

Thank You that He welcomes outcasts and calls them sons and daughters.

Thank You that He is never too late.

Thank You that He has power even over death.

Forgive us when we have kept quiet about what You have done for us.

Forgive us when we have been afraid of the changes Jesus brings.

Forgive us when we have stood in the crowd without reaching out in faith.

Forgive us when we have let fear replace faith.

Set us free from anything that holds us captive.

Give us courage to tell others about Your mercy.

Help us reach out to Jesus with our whole hearts.

When the news is bad, help us hear Him say, “Don't be afraid; just believe.”

And fill us with hope in the One who conquers death.

**“Don't be afraid; just believe.”**

**In Jesus' name, Amen.**

# Key Verse

**“Ignoring what they said, Jesus told Jairus, “Don't be afraid; just believe.”” — Mark 5:36**

## Central Truth

**Jesus has complete authority over demons, disease, and death, and He uses that power with compassion to restore those whom no one else can help.**

## Mark 5 in One Sentence

**Jesus frees a man tormented by a legion of demons and sends him home to tell what the Lord has done, heals a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years when she touches His cloak in faith, and raises Jairus' twelve-year-old daughter from the dead, showing His power over demons, disease, and death.**