

The background is a piece of aged, textured paper with a torn edge. The paper has a warm, yellowish-brown hue with darker, brownish veins and spots, suggesting it is old or stained. In the lower half of the image, there is a crown of thorns, a symbol often associated with the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The thorns are dark brown and sharp, arranged in a circular pattern.

*Miraculous
Healings*

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Mark

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1. Read Mark 5 before starting this study guide. Pray asking the Lord to bless your time in his word.
2. Mark 5:1-20 is one of my favorite stories about Jesus. It is one of my favorites because it reminds us that no one is out of Christ's power for redemption. So often people say, if you knew what I've done you would know Jesus would not forgive me. Who was the first-person Jesus met as he got out of the boat that day?
3. Demons are real, they are powerful, and they are not to be trifled with. Demons are Satan's minions, ready to carry out his will at any moment. But we need not fear or fret, the Bible tells us that as a child of God, "greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world." 1 John 4:4 Our enemy, Satan, goes about like a roaring lion seeking all he may devour. Read Genesis 3, what tactic did he use on Eve?
4. Doubting the goodness of God or believing the lies of Satan are both dangerous things to do. By doing this we are easily led into sin. Read Romans 6:16 where does this type of sin lead?
5. Just before Jesus' ascension he appeared to his disciples one last time and commissioned his followers, read Mark 16:15-18, what did Jesus say his followers would do?
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Do you believe these things are still possible today?

6. Since Jesus is God, he knows the heart and life of each man, woman, and child he sees through the outward appearance and understands how a person has gotten in the mess they are in. Is it a practice of yours to try to get past first impressions, and get to know and have compassion on people you meet?
7. The text says he came out of the tombs to meet Jesus. Can you imagine? Do you know what these tombs were normally used for at that time?

Why did he live in the tombs?
8. This demon-possessed man must have heard about Jesus. When he got close, what did he do?
9. Most people might have been put off by someone running up and yelling at them. But Jesus simply asks the name of the one speaking. By what name did he identify himself?

Why did he have such an unusual name?

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10. By his divine authority what did Jesus do that provided peace and freedom to this man?
 11. The name Christian means, "little Christ" or Christ follower. Think back on the last conversation you had with a person who did not know Jesus. Did your words offer peace and freedom?
 12. There was a herd of pigs nearby, what resulted from the demons leaving the man and going into the pigs?

13. I can only imagine the torment and suffering this man had been enduring over the years having that many demons living inside him. As I read this story again this week, I was reminded of times I had said or done things that hurt others. During the day I can often make excuses for my hurtful actions or words but at night when I lay on my bed and think back on the days events I am saddened if I have hurt someone. Can you imagine how this man felt? He was no longer allowed to live in the town because of his hateful words and hurtful actions.

Read the verses below, underline what the scripture tells us to do to avoid Satan's traps?

James 4:7 *"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."*

1 Peter 5:8-9 *"Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world."*

Ephesians 6:10-18 *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

14. What did you think when you read Mark 5:16-17? After such an act of mercy and kindness, what did the townspeople ask Jesus to do?

We cannot know for sure, scripture does not say, but why do you think the people ask Jesus to do?

What do you believe was of the greatest importance to them, people, or things?

15. Before we start judging, have you ever become concerned when your friends draw closer to God, changing their lifestyle and their entertainment? Did you fear they would be less fun to be around? If so, who are you most concerned about?
16. The man who had been demon-possessed begged Jesus to take him with him. Why do you believe he wanted to go with Jesus? Was it simply out of gratitude and a desire to be close to Jesus or could there have been something else?
17. Why do you believe Jesus said no. What more important job did Jesus have for him right there?
18. If you have been forgiven and healed by Jesus, what is he asking of you today?
19. People can argue and debate a person's words, but they cannot dispute a personal testimony. I was lost but now am found. I was blind but now I see. I was filled with demons but now by the mercy of God I am cleansed of them all. According to Mark 5:20, what affect did this man have on his town?

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20. Look up the Decapolis do a bit of research on it. What facts did you find concerning the Decapolis?
21. Now read Mark 5:21-43, (if you have time read Matthew 9:18-26 and Luke 8:40-56) how might you title the two miracles found in these verses?
22. What facts did you learn about Jairus?
23. What might it cost Jairus if he was seen with Jesus? Read Mark 3:6 again to see how the religious leaders of the synagogue felt about Jesus.
24. Why would Jairus be willing to risk all by coming to Jesus and falling at his feet?
25. How would you describe the attitude of his heart when he came to Jesus that day?
26. Did you notice what he asked Jesus to do? What did he believe would be the outcome?
27. Is there something you are asking God to do for you today? Think about the steps and the actions of this man, he spent time getting to Jesus, he fell at his feet in humility, and he presented his request expectantly. Does this sound like how you are coming to Jesus with your need?
28. Notice Jesus did what the man asked. He got up and went with him. Why was it so difficult to travel quickly? (the verses in Luke describe it much more, Luke 8:40-42)

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29. Before Jesus could make it to the home of Jairus we are introduced to another person with a great need. Look at verses 24-34; who did it say came looking for Jesus?
30. The woman had heard about Jesus. What things do you suppose she had heard?
31. Again, why might it have been difficult for her to find Jesus this day?
32. How long had the woman been suffering with this illness?
33. Why do you suppose the scripture tells us how much she had been suffering and what it had cost her?
34. Have you ever prayed about something this long? Are you still seeking Jesus with your need?
35. When the woman saw Jesus what did she do that displayed her tremendous faith? What did the text say she was thinking?

Day 5

36. Jesus literally felt some of his power go out. He asked the question, "Who touched me?" Do you suppose the disciples were confused that he would ask "Who touched me?" It could be anyone of the hundreds of people crowding in around Jesus. Why do you believe Jesus would say this? Was it a reprimand or is he looking for a testimony? What good could it do to point her out?

37. The woman fell at Jesus feet. She had been found out. What would you have said if this had been you?

38. What fact did it prove that she was healed by merely touching the hem of Jesus robe?

39. I don't doubt Jairus was happy for the woman to be healed, but how had his need gotten even worse? While Jesus was finishing speaking to the women, some friends of Jairus came, what news did they bring?

40. Have you ever been praying about a matter so long that it looked as if it was too late? What did you do?

41. When they arrived at Jairus home that day the situation looked very bleak. What did Jesus tell them?

42. Define the word miracle.

43. Why do you suppose Jesus took only the parents and his disciples in with him? Read John 12:44 and Matthew 13:58 before writing your answer.

44. When you are looking for a miracle having faith-filled people around can strengthen your faith. James 5:16 "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." What do you suppose the disciples and the girl's parents were doing while Jesus was with the girl?

45. Have you ever thought about how important your faith is every time the pastor (or anyone) is extending an invitation for people to accept Jesus? What part do you play in their decision to be saved?

46. Take a few minutes to think about why Jesus instructed them not to say anything about what they had seen and heard?

If they had been in the room and heard and watched Jesus, what might people been tempted to do?

47. Can you think of a friend who would benefit from studying the truths found in the gospel of Mark? Why not invite her to come with you. I am forever grateful for my friend Dorothy who invited me to come to Bible study over 35 years ago; my life was forever changed. My family legacy was changed because I was changed by the word of God.

