

Mark 5:21-24, 35-6:6

I. Review:

- 1) Jesus gave the demons permission to go into the pigs out of His sovereignty and the Lord's eternal purpose for Legion, the herdsmen, his disciples, and all who heard. For some that was to create faith, for others it helped them to see their lack of trust in Him.
 - 2) The herdsmen begged Jesus to depart, even though they witnessed the incredible healing of Legion. Many people still reject Christ in spite of all He was and did. They also experienced a lot of financial loss. Jesus not overly concerned with how padded our bank accounts are.
 - 3) Many who saw Legion healed were afraid. Jesus is a threat to any way of life, except one yielded to Him.
 - 4) Legion was deeply touched and begged Jesus to go with Him. Jesus instead put Legion on the path of the Father's will for his life, which was to go to his family and friends and tell them how much the Lord had done for him. This is the call for each of us. People marveled at the transformation in his life.
 - 5) Woman bleeding led her to seek Jesus out of need, but her falling at His feet and being totally honest showed a whole new level of faith and trust on her part.
 - 6) The woman being healed by simply touching Jesus garment, shows amazing power on the part of Jesus. It also shows how anxious He is to grow faith in us.
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I. Vs 21-24 Intro. To the healing of Jairus' daughter

- A. What do his actions (as a synagogue ruler) tell us about Jairus?
 - 1) How does a lack of humility get in the way of many coming to Jesus?
- B. Why in this instance does Jesus choose to respond to his request?
 - 1) How whatever He does in any instance is usually determined by it's impact of creating or deepening faith. (We will see the contrast of this in Mark 6 with His family and friends.)

II. Vs 35-43 vs 36 What does the "overhearing" of Jesus reveal to us?

- A. Another picture of His sovereignty and knowing us intimately.
 - 1) Jn 2:24 "Jesus trusted no one, for He knew"
 - 2) Luke 12:7 "Even the hairs of our heads are numbered"
- B. Why does Jesus contrast "fear and believing"?
 - 1) Many of us fail to see "excessive fear" as a lack of faith and sin.
 - a. "Don't listen to them, just trust me" – Message Peterson

III. Vs 37 Why is Jesus so specific about who He took with Him?

- A. This is not any way to run a campaign!
- B. What might have been the problem of healing his daughter in front of everyone?
- C. What other time did Jesus raising someone from the dead create issues not in accordance with the Lord's will?
 - 1) Ps. 139:16 / Lewis – The author outside the story

IV. Vs 38,39 Why does Jesus make the statement He does to the mourners?

- 1) Vs 40 Does their response have anything to do with that?
- 2) This is another situation of Jesus working in individual lives in very different ways toward the end of bringing people into a relationship of faith (trust) with the Lord.

V. Vs 41 Is there anything significant in taking her hand?

- 1) May very well remind us of the healing of the leper. Seldom is Jesus not teaching us something!
- 2) Why heal this girl and not all who are sick and die?
 - A. Do we trust His decisions or is this "just not fair".
 - B. Seems like a strong response, why?

- VI. Vs 1-6 Jesus goes to Nazareth (After teaching for some time to the Judeans, He goes to the Galileans).
 - i. Vs 1 Why a homecoming trip? Do you think Jesus knew the kind of reception He was going to get?
 - 1) What do you think Jesus might have been teaching His disciples?
 - 2) Why would Jesus being the son of a carpenter have any impact on His reception?
 - a. Was this because He didn't have any "ivy league" education? He was no Paul (Phil. 3)
 - b. Vs 3 I Cor. 1:18-25 This is still a problem today with those who are all about "intellect"
- VII. Vs 2 As He so often does, Jesus goes to the synagogue to start transforming lives. (Why start there?)
 - A. Any ideas what He might have been teaching that "astonished" His hearers?
 - 1) It had something to do with "wisdom" and "mighty works" He was able to do.
 - 2) Were they only amazed because they remembered Him as a child and knew His family, or do you think there was more to it? (Teaching with authority – Mk. 1:22, not like teachers of the law)
- VIII. Vs 4 What do you make of Jesus very specifically calling them out for not honoring Him? It is not like Him to be worried about honor, or is that not what this is about?
 - A. Is His purpose in doing this just to shame them? What else could be going on?
 - B. Is there ever a time for us to "call people out" in our witness?
 - 1) O. Chambers – "be careful of being amateur providences"
 - 2) Why do we need to be careful with this? II Timothy 2:23-26 / Galatians 6:1
- IX. Vs 5 How does "lack of faith" seem to interact with the mighty works He does?
 - A. Is this them controlling Him, or Him functioning on a different agenda?
 - B. Why would healing a few sick people be considered "not doing mighty work"?
 - 1) Matthew says "not many mighty works".
 - 2) What caution is there in this for us? Immediate gratification may be popular, but it is a real problem when it comes to spiritual growth. Why?
 - a. Hebrews 5:14
- X. Vs 6 What is Jesus "marveling" at? This is obviously negative, why the depth of emotion in His response?
 - A. Ever have this experience of sharing the gospel with someone you really cared about and have them not interested?
 - 1) Once we experience how great it is to be His, it is hard to understand people not wanting Him.
 - 2) Important for us to realize how deeply our hardness of heart affects the Lord.
 - a. "Our hearts ought to break at the things that break the heart of God"