

GOSPEL OF MARK
JESUS CHRIST, SERVANT OF GOD
THE BATTLE OF THE KINGDOMS

1. SUPER NATURAL STRENGTH BATTLES THE POWER OF GOD.

- A. **MARK 5:1-43** THEY WENT ACROSS THE LAKE TO THE REGION OF THE GERASENES. ²WHEN JESUS GOT OUT OF THE BOAT, A MAN WITH AN EVIL SPIRIT CAME FROM THE TOMBS TO MEET HIM. ³THIS MAN LIVED IN THE TOMBS, AND NO ONE COULD BIND HIM ANY MORE, NOT EVEN WITH A CHAIN. ⁴FOR HE HAD OFTEN BEEN CHAINED HAND AND FOOT, BUT HE TORE THE CHAINS APART AND BROKE THE IRONS ON HIS FEET. NO ONE WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO SUBDUCE HIM. ⁵NIGHT AND DAY AMONG THE TOMBS AND IN THE HILLS HE WOULD CRY OUT AND CUT HIMSELF WITH STONES. ⁶WHEN HE SAW JESUS FROM A DISTANCE, HE RAN AND FELL ON HIS KNEES IN FRONT OF HIM. ⁷HE SHOUTED AT THE TOP OF HIS VOICE, "WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME, JESUS, SON OF THE MOST HIGH GOD? SWEAR TO GOD THAT YOU WON'T TORTURE ME!" ⁸FOR JESUS HAD SAID TO HIM, "COME OUT OF THIS MAN, YOU EVIL SPIRIT!" ⁹THEN JESUS ASKED HIM, "WHAT IS YOUR NAME?" "MY NAME IS LEGION," HE REPLIED, "FOR WE ARE MANY." ¹⁰AND HE BEGGED JESUS AGAIN AND AGAIN NOT TO SEND THEM OUT OF THE AREA. ¹¹A LARGE HERD OF PIGS WAS FEEDING ON THE NEARBY HILLSIDE. ¹²THE DEMONS BEGGED JESUS, "SEND US AMONG THE PIGS; ALLOW US TO GO INTO THEM." ¹³HE GAVE THEM PERMISSION, AND THE EVIL SPIRITS CAME OUT AND WENT INTO THE PIGS. THE HERD, ABOUT TWO THOUSAND IN NUMBER, RUSHED DOWN THE STEEP BANK INTO THE LAKE AND WERE DROWNED. ¹⁴THOSE TENDING THE PIGS RAN OFF AND REPORTED THIS IN THE TOWN AND COUNTRYSIDE, AND THE PEOPLE WENT OUT TO SEE WHAT HAD HAPPENED. ¹⁵WHEN THEY CAME TO JESUS, THEY SAW THE MAN WHO HAD BEEN POSSESSED BY THE LEGION OF DEMONS, SITTING THERE, DRESSED AND IN HIS RIGHT MIND; AND THEY WERE AFRAID. ¹⁶THOSE WHO HAD SEEN IT TOLD THE PEOPLE WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THE DEMON-POSSESSED MAN--AND TOLD ABOUT THE PIGS AS WELL. ¹⁷THEN THE PEOPLE BEGAN TO PLEAD WITH JESUS TO LEAVE THEIR REGION. ¹⁸AS JESUS WAS GETTING INTO THE BOAT, THE MAN WHO HAD BEEN DEMON-POSSESSED BEGGED TO GO WITH HIM. ¹⁹JESUS DID NOT LET HIM, BUT SAID, "GO HOME TO YOUR FAMILY AND TELL THEM HOW MUCH THE LORD HAS DONE FOR YOU, AND HOW HE HAS HAD MERCY ON YOU." ²⁰SO THE MAN WENT AWAY AND BEGAN TO TELL IN THE DECAPOLIS HOW MUCH JESUS HAD DONE FOR HIM. AND ALL THE PEOPLE WERE AMAZED

I. THE MAN HAD SUPER NATURAL STRENGTH, WHERE DID HE GET IT?

II. NOTE THE FOUR PRAYERS OR REQUESTS

(1) THE CHIEF DEMON

(A) SWEAR TO GOD THAT YOU WON'T TORTURE ME!"

(B) NOT TO SEND THEM OUT OF THE AREA.

(2) ALL THE DEMONS

(A) "SEND US AMONG THE PIGS; ALLOW US TO GO INTO THEM.

(3) THE LOCAL PEOPLE

(A) TO PLEAD WITH JESUS TO LEAVE THEIR REGION

(4) THE MAN WHO HAD BEEN DEMON-POSSESSED

(A) BEGGED TO GO WITH HIM

2. HOW MUCH FAITH IS NEEDED TO DO BATTLE? TWO PICTURES!

- A. MARK 5:21-43. ²¹WHEN JESUS HAD AGAIN CROSSED OVER BY BOAT TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE, A LARGE CROWD GATHERED AROUND HIM WHILE HE WAS BY THE LAKE. ²²THEN ONE OF THE SYNAGOGUE RULERS, NAMED JAIRUS, CAME THERE. SEEING JESUS, HE FELL AT HIS FEET ²³AND PLEADED EARNESTLY WITH HIM, "MY LITTLE DAUGHTER IS DYING. PLEASE COME AND PUT YOUR HANDS ON HER SO THAT SHE WILL BE HEALED AND LIVE." ²⁴SO JESUS WENT WITH HIM. A LARGE CROWD FOLLOWED AND PRESSED AROUND HIM. ²⁵AND A WOMAN WAS THERE WHO HAD BEEN SUBJECT TO BLEEDING FOR TWELVE YEARS. ²⁶SHE HAD SUFFERED A GREAT DEAL UNDER THE CARE OF MANY DOCTORS AND HAD SPENT ALL SHE HAD, YET INSTEAD OF GETTING BETTER SHE GREW WORSE. ²⁷WHEN SHE HEARD ABOUT JESUS, SHE CAME UP BEHIND HIM IN THE CROWD AND TOUCHED HIS CLOAK, ²⁸BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT, "IF I JUST TOUCH HIS CLOTHES, I WILL BE HEALED." ²⁹IMMEDIATELY HER BLEEDING STOPPED AND SHE FELT IN HER BODY THAT SHE WAS FREED FROM HER SUFFERING. ³⁰AT ONCE JESUS REALIZED THAT POWER HAD GONE OUT FROM HIM. HE TURNED AROUND IN THE CROWD AND ASKED, "**WHO TOUCHED MY CLOTHES?**" ³¹"YOU SEE THE PEOPLE CROWDING AGAINST YOU," HIS DISCIPLES ANSWERED, "AND YET YOU CAN ASK, 'WHO TOUCHED ME?'" ³²BUT JESUS KEPT LOOKING AROUND TO SEE WHO HAD DONE IT. ³³THEN THE WOMAN, KNOWING WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO HER, CAME AND FELL AT HIS FEET AND, TREMBLING WITH FEAR, TOLD HIM THE WHOLE TRUTH. ³⁴HE SAID TO HER, "**DAUGHTER, YOUR FAITH HAS HEALED YOU. GO IN PEACE AND BE FREED FROM YOUR SUFFERING.**" ³⁵WHILE JESUS WAS STILL SPEAKING, SOME MEN CAME FROM THE HOUSE OF JAIRUS, THE SYNAGOGUE RULER. "YOUR DAUGHTER IS DEAD," THEY SAID. "WHY BOTHER THE TEACHER ANY MORE?" ³⁶IGNORING WHAT THEY SAID, JESUS TOLD THE SYNAGOGUE RULER, "**DON'T BE AFRAID; JUST BELIEVE.**" ³⁷HE DID NOT LET ANYONE FOLLOW HIM EXCEPT PETER, JAMES AND JOHN THE BROTHER OF JAMES. ³⁸WHEN THEY CAME TO THE HOME OF THE SYNAGOGUE RULER, JESUS SAW A COMMOTION, WITH PEOPLE CRYING AND WAILING LOUDLY. ³⁹HE WENT IN AND SAID TO THEM, "**WHY ALL THIS COMMOTION AND WAILING? THE CHILD IS NOT DEAD BUT ASLEEP.**" ⁴⁰BUT THEY LAUGHED AT HIM. AFTER HE PUT THEM ALL OUT, HE TOOK THE CHILD'S FATHER AND MOTHER AND THE DISCIPLES WHO WERE WITH HIM, AND WENT IN WHERE THE CHILD WAS. ⁴¹HE TOOK HER BY THE HAND AND SAID TO HER, "**TALITHA KOUUM!**" (WHICH MEANS, "**LITTLE GIRL, I SAY TO YOU, GET UP!**"). ⁴²IMMEDIATELY THE GIRL STOOD UP AND WALKED AROUND (SHE WAS TWELVE YEARS OLD). AT THIS THEY WERE COMPLETELY ASTONISHED. ⁴³HE GAVE STRICT ORDERS NOT TO LET ANYONE KNOW ABOUT THIS, AND TOLD THEM TO GIVE HER SOMETHING TO EAT.
- B. TWO STORIES WOVEN INTO ONE
- I. TWO FEARS
 - II. TWO FAITHS
- C. WHAT KIND OF ATTITUDE DOES JESUS HAVE TOWARDS THESE PEOPLE?
- D. WHAT KIND OF SOIL ARE THEY?
- I. THE WOMAN
 - (1) JESUS SAID, "WHO TOUCHED ME"
 - II. THE TOUCH OF FAITH IS JUST AS REAL AS THE PHYSICAL TOUCH.

(1) 10 STEPS IN THE WOMAN'S HEALING - IS JESUS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER?

- (A) HER DESPERATE CONDITION
- (B) TRIED ALL HUMAN REMEDIES
- (C) HAD TRUSTED OTHER MEN AND SPENT ALL THAT SHE HAD
- (D) HEARD OF JESUS
- (E) DETERMINED TO TOUCH HIM.
- (F) PLANNED HER PROCEDURE.
- (G) EXERCISED HER FAITH.
- (H) INSTANTLY HEALED
- (I) KNEW SHE WAS HEALED
- (J) MADE A CONFESSION OF HER HEALING.

(I) WHAT CAN BE LEARNED FROM THIS?

- 1) 12 YEARS - GOVERNMENT - KINGDOM
- 2) THIS WOMAN WENT LOOKING IN THE KINGDOM OF THIS WORLD FOR HELP.
- 3) SHE FOUND NONE, IN FACT SHE WAS WORSE OFF.
- 4) SHE TURNED TO JESUS, [MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD]
- 5) SHE LOOKED FOR ANSWERS.
- 6) SHE DETERMINED, IF I CAN TOUCH HIS GARMENT, I WILL BE HEALED.
- 7) IN THE TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH TODAY, WHAT DID SHE DO.
- 8) SHE REPENTED, SHE TURNED FROM THE KINGDOM OF THIS WORLD TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD FOR HER ANSWER.

III. THE SYNAGOGUE RULER

- (1) BOWED TO JESUS
- (2) HE DETERMINED HOW SHE WAS TO BE HEALED.
 - (A) PUT YOUR HANDS ON HER AND SHE WILL BE HEALED
- (3) NO QUICK ANSWER
 - (A) JESUS SAID, "DO NOT BE AFRAID, JUST BELIEVE"
- (4) THE WORD CAME
 - (A) YOUR DAUGHTER IS DEAD.
- (5) JESUS SAID, JUST TRUST IN ME, DO NOT BE AFRAID

E. THESE TWO INCIDENTS SHOW THAT PERSONAL FAITH WILL GET FROM GOD THAT FOR WHICH IT BELIEVES. THIS IS ONE OF THE LAWS OF THE KINGDOM

- I. **MATTHEW 8:10** WHEN JESUS HEARD THIS, HE WAS ASTONISHED AND SAID TO THOSE FOLLOWING HIM, "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I HAVE NOT FOUND ANYONE IN ISRAEL WITH SUCH GREAT FAITH.
- II. **MATTHEW 9:29** THEN HE TOUCHED THEIR EYES AND SAID, "ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH WILL IT BE DONE TO YOU";
- III. **MATTHEW 21:22** IF YOU BELIEVE, YOU WILL RECEIVE WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR IN PRAYER."