

# The Gospel of Mark—Christ the Servant

## - Lesson 10 -

### Mark 5:1-24

### Your Personal Notes:

1. And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.
2. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,
3. Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:
4. Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any [man] tame him.
5. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.
6. But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,
7. And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.
8. For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.
9. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.
10. And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.
11. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.
12. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.
13. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.
14. And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.
15. And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.
16. And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine.
17. And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.
18. And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.
19. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.
20. And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.
21. And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea.
22. And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet,
23. And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.
24. And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.

# Spurgeon's Notes on Mark

**5:2** - Those ancient graveyards were in remote places, for the people were too wise to bury their dead inside their cities. Often the tombs were hewn in caverns in the sides of hills and rocks where the dead were laid. Every person who touched a tomb was thereby ceremonially defiled, so the tombs were fit places for an unclean person possessed by an unclean spirit.

**5:3-4** - See how the world deals with furiously guilty people. It tries to fetter them or to tame them, to keep them in check by fear of punishment or to subdue them to a gentleness of morality. Christ neither binds nor tames; he changes and renews.

**5:12** - It is clear from this narrative that the demons know Jesus was the Son of the Most High God and that he had absolute power to do with them whatever he pleased. It is also clear that they believed in prayer and that they were all agreed in what they asked of him--and it is significant that Jesus granted their request.

**5:13** - **The devil cannot enter even a pig without Christ's permission. So he cannot tempt us without or Lord's permission. We may rest assured that even this great monster of evil is under Christ's control. He cannot bother us unless Jesus gives him permission.**

**5:17** - Here is a second prayer in which many united--a foolish and wicked prayer--yet the Savior did as these people wished. He would not force his company on those who wanted him to go, so he at once turned his face to the boat that he might leave their region.

**5:18** - This is the third prayer in this chapter. Not like the two previous ones, it was the passionate request of one who was so grateful for what Jesus had done for him that he longed to be always with him. Yet it was not granted because Jesus saw that the man could serve him better by bearing testimony to the great things the Lord had done for him among those who knew him.

**5:19** - That is one of the chief points on which we ought always to speak--not only to tell of the greatness of the change that the grace of God has worked in us but especially to testify to the mercy of God toward us.

**5:22** - It was an unusual thing or a ruler of the synagogue to be at Jesus's feet, yet that is the best place for us all. If God has placed any of us in an eminent position, it will do us well to fall at Jesus's feet as Jairus did. What brought Jairus there? It was his great need, and that is what will bring us there.

**5:23** - Oh, that we all prayed thus for our little daughters and our little sons! There is sin in them, and sin means spiritual death.