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| 1  Mark 5:1-43  07/30/23  Demons, Disease, Death  INTRO:  If there ever was a gospel Jews loved=Matthew  If there ever was a gospel Jews hated=Mark  Did you know Jews became so filled with rage they tried to throw Jesus off a cliff? Luke 4:14-30  BODY:  After storm was quelched, Jesus will encounter another storm in man’s heart in country of Gerasenes  Before they get a chance to settle out of the boat immediately a demonized man comes to meet them  This demon lived among tombs  -We know he used to live in the city from other  gospel accounts  Demon was naked! Extreme sexual perversion just like our culture. Like San Francisco | 2  Nature of demonic activity is to associate with dead things  John 8:44  Satan was a “*murderer from the beginning*.” Satan is the opposite of God who is life itself. Satan loved death and loves it when people die in their sins. It is all an attack against God’s character and nature. He hates God and also God’s creation.  Demon was extremely strong, supernaturally strong  -shackles and chains were shattered  Probably gave himself over to extreme carnality and opened up himself to demons  Despite extreme and hopeless situation man was desperate to come to Jesus. Demons acknowledged who Jesus was.  *“Son of the Most High God”*=glorious title  Ps. 97:9 *“For You are the Lord Most High over all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.”* |
| 3  Knowing that He was Son of the Most High God, they were afraid of the Abyss  Asked demon what its name was  -“Legion” Roman legion=up to 6000  -Asked not to control it because Jesus was already  sovereign and in control  -Asked so that people watching would know what  Jesus was up against  -More frightening, intimidating than man in  synagogue  Jesus is dealing with no small matter  They implore Jesus to send them into the swine  -Jesus allows that to demonstrate the deliverance  If it’s invisible, townsfolk wouldn’t see  Physical and verifiable proof of His authority over even the most darkest of darkness | 4  The man is sitting, clothed, and in his right mind. What a beautiful picture of the gospel!  Remember a while back how I said it is the most irrational and insane thing to do sin and to live for yourself and your own passions.  His dignity was restored and now his nakedness is covered. His sexual perversion taken away.  Graphic picture of what it means to be enslaved to sin just like King Nebuchadnezzar  Sadly townsfolk became frightened no longer of demons but one more powerful than demons  -They didn’t have faith in him  Now restored man is begging Jesus to take him along with him  -First time he wants to be with the living  -To be with life itself John 1:4 “In Him was life” |
| 5  -John 11:25 *“I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.”*    Acts 3:15 Jesus = *“Prince of life”*  Surprisingly Jesus sends him back to Decapolis as a preacher. First preacher  -Not hide his lamp but to shine it  -More effective evangelism for they witnessed his  horrific state beforehand  -Only God can create that change  Jesus crosses to the other side of the Lake, the western side of Galilee and he is met with a synagogue leader instead of demoniac  Another Markan sandwich  vv. 21-24 Jairus and dying daughter (story A)  vv. 25-34 Hemorrhaging woman (story B)  vv. 35-43 Jairus and dying daughter (story A) | 6  V. 22 Jairus like demoniac falls down at Jesus’ feet and “implores” him (same word used)  Despite his high status as synagogue official, Jairus can’t do anything about his daughter’s situation  As Jesus heads towards his house he gets interrupted  V. 25 hemorrhage for twelve years  Suffered under foolish and ignorant methods of physicians to try to heal her.  In Talmud  Woman was to carry ashes of an ostrich egg in a linen bag in the summer and to carry ashes of an ostrich egg in a cotton bag in the winter.  Or carry barley corn found in donkey dung, or drink wine with alum and crocuses, or wine with onions  -Not very helpful is it?  She too in hopeless and desperate situation |
| 7  However like paralytic she was not going to let crowds deter her from Jesus  She had faith in Christ that even if she were to touch his cloak she would be healed.  “Who touched my cloak?”  -Disciples confused because people are touching  him from all sides.  Woman got healed but she feared and trembled at the fact that she was encountering the holy one of God  -After all He is Yahweh Exodus 33:20  “no man can see me and live”  Too glorious and too holy for any sinful man to approach him  But in compassion Jesus reassures her of her salvation  -She is not obliterated by His infinite holiness but  purified of all her uncleanness | 8  -Leviticus considered her unclean, whatever she touched was unclean  She not only had to suffer her condition but also social isolation that came with it.  She had everything going against her, she had a disease that made her unclean and she was a woman with no status  Now Story B ends, and Story A resumes in verse 35  They come to report Jairus’ daughter has died  All remaining hopes dashed to pieces.  -But Jesus said “Be afraid no longer, only believe”  Jesus grabs inner circle of disciples and come to his house  Loud commotion with loud weeping and wailing  -customary to hire professional mourners |
| 9  Even poorest Jew had to hire one or two professional mourners  Jesus goes against convention  Funeral party laughs at him which further confirms that she was indeed dead  Jesus enters room and says *“Talitha kum”* (Little girl, I say to you, get up!). Literally he calls her “little lamb” pointing to Jesus’ kindness and tenderness  She instantly got up, didn’t need a couple of weeks to recover  The people were completely astounded  lit. “beside themselves”  Ordered that no one should tell anyone about this  -Jesus said this  -Didn’t want to hinder his ministry by riling up the  crowds | 10  Main reason why He said this was because no one would understand what He was doing until after His death and resurrection  -He did not simply want to be known as a miracle worker or teacher  Perhaps Jesus allowed the interruption to give enough time for daughter to die so that power and authority are unmistakably demonstrated  More than that, Mark wove these two narratives together to show you that Jairus was to have the faith like the hemorrhaging woman.  Jairus’ daughter=12 years old  woman suffered= 12 years  both are called “daughter”  Both Jairus and hemorrhaging woman are utterly hopeless  Worlds apart in status but both need a savior |
| 11  He must not fear, but have faith  -Here fear and faith are contrasted  -You are not to fear but to trust in Christ  In all 3 narrative they share the fact that they are all unclean  Ironically, holy one of God is willing to come near and touch these folks who would make anyone unclean  Mark is trying to show you that nothing is too unclean for Lord  They don’t make him clean but He makes them clean  No darkness, demons, violent storms, disease or even death that our Lord cannot conquer  No matter what you have done or who you have been there is hope for you  God can set you free from whatever sin is plaguing you | 12  But you have to trust in Christ  If you don’t you are in same boat as these 3 people  Sin cannot be restrained by chains and shackles  -Sin will rule over you and you will obey it  Medical help also will not be able to deliver you from disease, if it is, only temporary  Status and privilege cannot deliver you from death  Only hope is person and work of Christ  1 John 3:8  *“destroy the works of the devil”* |
| 13  Luke 4:17-21 Jesus opens up scroll  *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed, To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.” And Jesus said that today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”*  He came to deliver you from your sins and deliver you from spiritual death  If He has delivered you from your sins, if you have not feared but had faith in Christ one day you too will be freed from all suffering, disease, and death when He comes again to give you resurrected body  Acts 2:24 *“But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death”* | 14  God who cannot lie promised you this 1 Corinthians 15:54  *“when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, “Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*  Let’s pray  Benediction:  Ephesians 3:20-21 |