

SERVANT KING: Don't Miss Your Miracle
Mark 5

"We often hear it said that the day of miracles is past. But every true Christian is a miracle, born again by the Holy Spirit. . . . The Christian life is a miracle." – Vance Havner

I. THE DEMONIAK (vv. 1-20)

Gadara was one of the ten cities of the Decapolis. It was on the summit of a mountain about six miles southeast of the Sea of Galilee. The ruins of this community and its tombs mark the ancient city. The ten city-states were originally settled after the conquest of Alexander the Great. They were largely inhabited by Gentiles, which explains the herd of pigs. Jesus was about to invade Gentile territory, taking the gospel beyond the Jews.

"Evil has a face. Evil is not merely a concept or something generally opposite of 'good.' All evil can be traced back to a single agent: Satan." – Chuck Swindoll

Instead of focusing on the demoniac, I want to focus on several aspects of Jesus revealed in this passage:

- Jesus meets us _____.
- Jesus has _____.
- Jesus has compassion on _____.
- Jesus doesn't leave us _____.
- Jesus demands _____.
- Jesus uses _____.

II. THE DESPERATE WOMAN

III. THE DESPERATE DAD

In Matthew 9:18 he is called a “ruler” – one of seven community leaders in the average town. The synagogue ruler (usually one of the seven) was one of the three administrators of the synagogue. He was usually wealthy, in charge of the buildings and the order of worship. For a man like Jairus to come to Jesus was monumental.

What can we learn from this account?

- 1) The man _____ to go to Jesus.
- 2) At our lowest point, _____.
- 3) The work of God _____.
- 4) Jesus always _____.

“Faith does two things: It opens the door to the power of God, and it shows persistence in overcoming any obstacles.” – David Garland