

“Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” -Mark 5:19

Find a quiet place to begin. Take a few deep breaths. Ball your hands up into a fist and think about all of the frustrations, irritations, and worries of the day. Now take a long slow breath. As you release your fists, ask God to take away your anxiety and frustration of the day, and open your heart and mind to the study of his word.

Read Mark 5:1-20

1. Where was Jesus in this story?
2. Who met Jesus there, and what do we know about the man?
3. How did the man address Jesus? (was this greeting unusual or normal from past stories?)
4. What happened to the legion of demons? And the man?
5. What did Jesus ask the man to go and do? Did he? Why do you think this is?

Read Mark 5:21-24

1. Where is Jesus now?
2. Who comes to Jesus for help? What is his name and profession?

Read Mark 5:24-34

1. While Jesus was on the way to Jairus' house, what happened?
2. Who was the woman who touched Jesus? (what do you know about her?)
3. Why did she touch Jesus clothes?
4. What happened and how did Jesus respond?
5. How did the woman respond?

Read Mark 5: 35-43

1. What news was brought to Jesus and Jairus?
2. How did Jesus respond to this? What do you think he meant?
3. Who did Jesus invite to go into the house with him?
4. What did the crowds do & say?
5. When he went into the little girls room, who was with him?
6. What did Jesus do?
7. What happened?
8. Do you believe this story is true? Why or why not?
9. Why do you think Jesus commanded everyone not to say what happened? Why did he make her eat something? (vs.43)

For Reflection:

1. What new area of life does Jesus prove to have authority over?
2. Why does he tell Legion to go and tell, yet orders Jairus and his family not to tell?

Defining the Bible-y Words:

The region of the Gerasenes: The region on the Eastern shore of Galilee. Historically, this region was populated by gentiles (people that were not Israelites by birth and did not follow the Hebrew Scriptures and the Torah).

Decapolis: Ten cities on the eastern shore of Galilee. The cities are Gerasa (region of the Gerasenes), Scythopolis, Hippos, Gadara, Pella, Philadelphia, Capitolias, Canatha, Raphana, and Damascus. They were autonomous city-states of Rome, and were ethnically and linguistically similar in makeup. They were centers of Roman and Greek culture, but also contained some Israelite people.

Talitha Koum: This phrase is easy because the text defines it! It is an Aramaic Phrase which means "Little girl, I say to you rise." Aramaic was the language that Jesus spoke during this time. Aramaic was spoken more commonly than Hebrew during Jesus lifetime.