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Mark: The Servant Gospel, NT352

Part II *cont.* The Servant's Work: Not to be Ministered to, But to Do Ministry. Chapters 1:14–10:52

First Homework review

Class 4 Chapter 5

John: The Servant's Spirit is Greater than Many spirits

- Why is the subject of demons so important a subject to Mark?
- Chapter 5:1-21, is an important incident in the life of the Servant Lord?
- Mark devotes 21 verses to it, more than Matthew or any other future Gospel writer will.
- Not only these 21 verses but prior to this much more on the subject of the evil, unclean spirit world manifesting itself in the lives of humans and, as we shall see when 'permitted', into animals as well.

Morgan:

- The subject of demons has arisen before in the course of these Mark narratives, as follows up to chapter 5.
- On the first wonderful Sabbath in Capernaum, in the synagogue in the morning, Jesus healed a demoniac, and still others in the evening of the same day (Mark 1:23-27, Mark 1:32-34).
- Mark records the fact that as He journeyed through Galilee He constantly did the same thing (Mark 1:39).
- Mark also declares that in the course of His ministry "the unclean spirits, whenever they beheld Him, fell down before Him and cried, saying, You are the Son of God. And He charged them that they should not make Him known" (Mark 3:11-12).
- In the choosing of the twelve also, He appointed them to have authority ultimately to do the same work (Mark 3:15).
- Moreover, He had answered the declarations of the Jerusalem scribes on this subject with great solemnity, and solemn warning, as they declared that by the prince of the demons He cast out the demons (Mark 3:22-30).
- Moving beyond this chapter in Mark He will touch upon this subject again and again:
- As we proceed with our study of Mark we shall touch it again and yet again;
- when He sent out the apostles, He gave them His authority over unclean spirits (in Mark 6:7 and Mark 6:13);
- when He healed the daughter of the Syrophenician woman (Mark 7:25-30);
- when at the foot of the mount of transfiguration He healed the boy (Mark 9:17-29);
- in a final reference to Mary of Magdala, out of whom He cast seven demons (Mark 16:9),
- and last of all in the great commission as Mark recorded it (Mark 16:17).

v.1 Then they came to the other side of the sea (*eastern side*),

- We must keep in mind that they arrived after Jesus quieted a very strong resisting storm. If the storm is satanically generated and energized, as suggested by the phrase: 'be still' or 'be muzzled', used of demon muzzling and silencing in Mark 1:25.

-We ask the question of why the demonic storm? Why now? Perhaps our answer will be forthcoming as they reach the other side....

v.1 cont. to the country or region or land of the Gadarenes.

Matt. Reads: **Gergesenes**

-Both words represent cities in that general region, Gadara, Gergesa
-The point being that have come out from thruout that general region

Let us see if we can distinguish the man from the demon(s)

v.2 And when He had come out of the boat, immediately (our key word in Mark) **there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit** (synonym for demon),

-another synonym is 'evil 'spirit', used in Acts 19:15-16
-'unclean spirit' is used in 12 verses, all in the synoptic gospels and once in Zech. 13:2
-The word 'demon' perhaps comes from a root pronounced 'da' meaning to know or a knowing one and thus a distributor of what I know.
-Note what demons know and they were constantly being told to be 'quiet' or 'silent'.
-The word 'demon' is not the word 'devil' nor is the devil called a demon.
-The word 'devil' is never used as a synonym for 'demon' or 'unclean' or 'evil spirit'.
-The NKJV Word demon or demons is used 82 times in 73 verses
-First used in Lev. 17:7 and three other times in the OT
-The 68 of the 82 times are in the Gospels, manifesting themselves thru humans especially in the Gospels as Jesus came and manifested Himself in Human form.

Matt. Adds in **8:28: there met Him two demon-possessed men**

v.3 who had his dwelling among the tombs;

Matt. Adds in **8:28: exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way.**

-Matthew being the gospel of the king would point out that these two are sentinels keeping out the King from their kingdom, which based on the cities of Gadara and Gergesa covered a wide area east of the Jordan, heavily gentile influenced.

v.3 cont. and no one could bind him, not even with chains,

-No need for a large number of guards when no one could stop him and by implication his partner

v.4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame ('domasai', from which we get 'domesticate') **him.**

v.5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.

v.6 When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped (proskunao) **Him.**

-Who worshiped Him? **v.2 'a man with an unclean spirit'**

v.7 And he (**Matt.** Adds '**we**') **cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High or Highest God?"**

-'Son of the Most High God', only used in the Gospels
-'Most High God': or God Most High first used in conjunction with Melchisedec in Gen. 14:18 where he is labeled a priest of 'God Most High' (El Elyon)

v.7 cont. ... I implore or adjure You by God that (**Matt. 8:29** adds: **You Jesus, You Son of God**) **do not torment me."** **Matt. 8:29** adds: **to torment us before our time.**

-Don't send us to the place of torment before the time when we will with certainty go there

v.8 For He said to or *commanded* him, "**Come out of the man, unclean spirit!**"

-He did not come out right away, Jesus decides to hold a conversation with him, the singular voice..

v.9 Then He asked him, "**What is your name?**" And he (*the leader or chief demon*) answered, saying, "My name is Legion (*we will see there were about 2,000 of them*); for we are many."

v.10 Also he begged Him (*not adjured Him or made Him swear*) earnestly or many times that He would not send them out of the country.

-For some reason he/they wanted to stay in this area, very demon friendly area? Occultic?

So Jesus looks around and says to Himself where can I do the most good with a large number of Demons?

v.11 Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains.

v.12 So all the demons begged Him, saying,

-Imagine what that sounded like!

v.12 cont. "Send us (*eis*) into the midst of the swine, that we may enter them individually."

-Unclean spirits will fit nicely in unclean swine!

v.13 And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (**there were about two thousand**); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.

-It is one thing for a demon or demons to control a man and it is another to control swine!

-‘The first mention of Deviled Ham in the Bible’- Chuck Jr.

v.14 So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country (*entire region*). And they went out to see what it was that had happened.

v.15 Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

-And they were very excited and happy for the man and all of the people that had been terrorized by this possessed man, for they would be terrorized no more!

BUT

v.16 And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine.

v.17 Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region.

v.18 And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him.

v.19 However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "**Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion or mercy on you.**"

v.20 And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

So who or what are demons?

-Most commentators believe they are fallen angels.

-A minority believe they are the disembodied spirits of the Nephilim who died in the flood

-Turn to **Gen. 6:1-6**

6:1 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,

2 that the sons of God (*created directly by God, all males, angels, see Job 1:6*) saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

3 And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

4 There were giants (*Hebrew transliteration is Nephilim*) on the earth in those days, and also afterward (word Nephilim, only in Gen. 6:4 and Num. 13:33, which is after the flood), when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

-What happened to those angels: see **Jude 6-7**

6 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day
7 as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these (angels who kept not their proper domain, those before and after Gen. 6), having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

-So, what happened to the Nephilim?

-They drowned in the flood...

-What happened to their soul/spirits?

-We do not know... with certainty

-It seems that Sons of God Angels can manifest themselves physically as men, but not women

-It also seems that demons/unclean spirits/evil spirits cannot manifest themselves in human form but they desire to possess a body ...

Matthew's Account, 8:28-34

Joey: The Compassioned Servant Responds to Desperate Faith

v.21 Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side (*back toward Capernaum*), a great multitude gathered to or in pursuit of Him; and He was by the sea.

Edwards: The seaside is by now a familiar theme in Mark, for in the first six chapters there are some fifteen references to Jesus' public ministry on the western shore of the Sea. The "large crowd gathered around him" is more receptive than the gathering in the Decapolis.

v.22 And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name.

Edwards: The ruler of the synagogue, accordingly, was not a worship leader or a professionally trained scribe or rabbi but a lay member of a synagogue who was entrusted by the elders of the community with general oversight of the synagogue and orthodoxy of teaching. His responsibilities included building maintenance and security, procuring of scrolls for Scripture reading, and arranging of Sabbath worship by designating Scripture readers, prayers, and preachers.

v.22 cont. ... **And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet**

-Matt. 9:18 adds: **and worshipped Him**

v.23 and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death (Matt. takes us to her death: **'My daughter has just died'** *(either it was expected and therefore declared or Matthew moves us forward in time to her death while Jesus is on the way to the house)*. **Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live."**

v.24 So Jesus went with him, (**Matt. Adds **'and so did His disciples'****) and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.

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1 Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes.

- They got to the other side.... like Jesus said they would.

2 And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

- People are waiting when you finish going through one tough situation and another one is waiting for you.
- Ministry is not on our time table. It is on God's time table.

3 who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains,

4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him.

5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.

6 When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him.

7 And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me."

8 For He said to him, "**Come out of the man, unclean spirit!**"

9 Then He asked him, "**What is your name?**" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many."

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17 Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region.

18 And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him.

19 However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "**Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.**"

- Evangelism begins at home and in your own town

20 And he departed and began to proclaim (preach) in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled (extraordinarily impressed)

- Demon possessed to preacher from one command from Jesus
- Are we extraordinarily impressed for what Jesus has done for us?

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The Compassioned Servant Responds to Desperate Faith -Joey

21 Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered **to** Him; and He was by the sea.

Jesus had crossed over again - Jesus left the Gentile region around the Sea of Galilee, where He encountered and healed the man possessed by thousands of demons.
- I picture Sméagol, Gollum and "Sloth" (The Goonies - 1985) rolled into one person

Then Jesus gets back into the boat, sails over to the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee; He pulls up in the boat, near the Capernaum shoreline, where large crowds are **gathered to Him**. Jesus may have not even gotten out of the boat yet

- BUT...He is the center of their attention! All eyes are fixed on Him!

Kenneth Wuest: "to" **is** *epi*: "after Him."; after means... in pursuit of Him

- Am I after Jesus today or in pursuit of Jesus today like this crowd was back then?
 - o Is Jesus the center of our attention today?

Look at the contrast between the two different shorelines. Huge crowds gathered on both. One group urged Jesus to leave, while the other welcomed him.

- Our hearts and people that come to church can be like these 2 shore lines
 - o Times when He is welcomed and times when we don't want Him around

22 And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet (**Matthew 9:18** adds... "**and worshipped Him**")

Each synagogue had 10 leaders (elders). Out of those 10 elders, one would be chosen to be the ruler of the synagogue.

- His function was to take care of the physical arrangements for the worship services, the maintenance of the building, and to determine who would be called to read from the Law and the prophets or to conduct the prayers.
 - o He oversaw both the **spiritual** and the **business** affairs of the synagogue.
 - He was influential, respected, powerful, wealthy & successful.
 - A very important man in **this** community

- When Jairus spoke, people listened.
- When he walked into a room, people stood up in recognition
 - Think of him... as a man who had it all
- Most men in his position were aligned with the Pharisees

Remember that Jesus was a wanted man! Both by the “great multitude” that followed him and by the religious leaders who wanted to destroy him. Jesus was both famous and infamous! People want Jesus for different reasons today

- That’s important to understand because what **Jairus** does next is a huge risk to his career
 - He doesn’t allow his position from keeping him from coming to Christ
 - He is willing to lay down his reputation because his daughter means the world to him.
 - Many people don’t come to Christ today because of what their family or friends will think of them

“Jairus” is a Hebrew name which means, “whom Jehovah **enlightens**.”

Enlightens; means to give intellectual or **spiritual light to**; instruct; impart knowledge to

- He knew about Jesus; maybe he heard about Jesus when He healed the man with the withered hand; that happened in Capernaum where this synagogue is located
 - What I do know for sure is that Jairus knew who to ask for help when trouble came

Psalm 46:1 tells us that God is our refuge and strength, a very **present help** in trouble

What does the text say Jairus did when he saw Jesus, **he fell at His feet?**

This means to throw oneself to the ground before a high-ranking person [BAGD]

- This act indicates that Jairus considered Jesus to be superior to himself
- Does that sound like something **this type of man** would do?
 - He had a good reason...vs. 23

23 and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. (Matthew adds... 'My daughter has just died'). Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live."

The Gadarenes begged Jesus to leave, but Jairus is begging Jesus for help.

Put yourself in his shoes...This is a parent's worst nightmare

- Is there anything more painful than losing a child?
 - o Our kids are supposed to bury us, not the other way around
- He's broken and falling apart, so comes to Jesus begging.

Who is he begging for?

- My little daughter - Luke's account tells us that this is his **only daughter**, she is **12 years old** and **she is dying**...death is knocking at the door
 - o At least 4,380 days of memories (12 years old) - Parent memories
 - It's interesting to me that she is only daughter of this successful couple given the culture back then...Jews usually had more than one child
 - Is she a miracle child?
 - A good father has a powerful instinct to protect his daughter at all costs
 - o But Jairus has no power to fix his only little girl
 - o His position, power or money **can't buy him a solution** to his problem
 - What does he do? He **begged** (to call to one's aid) (Jesus) **earnestly** (greatly)
 - o This is what desperation looks like!
 - o This is a father's love for his only little girl
 - o Sickness and death could care less about who this man is, what he possesses or the position he holds.

So Jairus has no power **to fix** his little girl, **Religion** can't help him with this problem, BUT he still has **one option**; Ask for help from SOMEONE GREATER THAN HIMSELF!

- o He humbled himself in front of this huge crowd and asks for that help!

Are you and I bringing our kids, no matter what their age, to Jesus in desperation?

- Asking Him to touch their lives
 - o I do what I can do as a parent...love, support, teach, etc.
 - o But there are times when, like Jairus, I have to ask Jesus to do what I am incapable of doing.
 - Our parenting methods aren't going to be the real difference in our children's life (not that it's not important)
 - What is going to make the difference is bringing them to Christ and asking Him to touch their hearts...that is going to be the difference maker. Are we coming to Jesus in desperation for that?
 - That's the greatest thing we can do for them;
 - Continually and repeatedly bring them before Jesus

- Point and case...
 - o There are statistically a lot of kids that are growing up in the church and when they turn 18, they are walking away from church and they don't come back. Why?
 - They need more than church. They need a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be **healed**, and she will live."

- Not the normal word for **healed**; "healed" here means **saved**; as in the doctors saved her life;
- this Father is asking Jesus to spare his only daughter's life!
 - o He had faith (belief) in Jesus that He could save her, but his faith was limited? Why? He believed Jesus had to be their physically to do what He was asking Jesus to do.
 - Is our faith limited because of a lack of spiritual understanding?

TURN to...Matthew 8:5-13

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, 6 saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."

7 And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

8 The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." 10 When Jesus heard it, He **marveled** (extraordinarily impressed), and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!

- Did you know that Jesus was *extraordinarily impressed* when we display great faith?

11 And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness.

There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

- What did this Roman believer understand that this Jewish leader of the synagogue didn't about Jesus?

24 So Jesus went with him, “went off with Jairus promptly.” (Matthew adds... ‘and so did His disciples’)

Do we have the same urgency and compassion as Jesus?

- I don’t want tasks to become more urgent than people
 - o Jesus wasn’t concerned about the physical act of getting’ er done
 - o He’s going to use his physical need to meet a couple of spiritual deficiencies
 - o This is something that I find myself asking God to help me on

and a great multitude followed Him (Jesus) and **thronged** Him. *to press together, press on all sides* > to the **point of suffocation**. – The crowd is pressed up against Jesus; it’s hard for Him to move forward.

- Trials can be that way, can’t they?
 - o They press up against us making it hard to move forward if we don’t understand their purpose in our lives.

James 1: 2-4 says...My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the **testing of your faith** produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. – Jairus

Notice four things Jairus displayed that are necessary for answered prayer.

1. We have to be in His presence (**one of the rulers of the synagogue came**).
2. We have to sincerely humble ourselves (**he fell at His feet**).
3. Lay it at his feet and keep doing it... (**and begged Him earnestly** (a lot)
4. We have to have total confidence in the power and the goodness of Jesus (**Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live**).

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List at least one personal application not mentioned in class under each of our paragraph headings.

5:1-20: The Servant's Spirit is Greater than Many spirits

5:21-24: The Compassioned Servant Responds to Desperate Faith

5:25-34: Faith Interrupts the Servant

5:35-43: The Servant Commands Faith to Overcome Fear