

## Lord of Life, Destroyer of Death

Mark 5:21-43



Gadara harbor area aerial

## A Story within a Story

- 21-24 – Jairus' request
- 25-34 – The Healing of the woman with the hemorrhage.
- 35-43 – The Raising of Jairus' daughter
- Why?
  - 1) That's how it happened.
  - 2) The interruption delays Jesus long enough for the girl to die.
  - 3) The interruption makes an important point.



First century boat model at En Gev

## The Day Before

- Jesus' unbelieving brothers, accompanied by a well-meaning mother: 3:20-21, 31-32
- The scribes and Pharisees who had been sent from Jerusalem came to a different conclusion: 3:22.
- In response...
  - 1) Jesus teaches His disciples and the crowds in parables from a boat at the shore.
  - 2) God providentially orders Jesus' life over the next 24 hours to make His own statement about who Jesus is.
    - In the stilling of the storm, God shows Jesus' power over the creation, over nature (4:35-41).
    - In the encounter with the demoniac of Gadara, God shows us Jesus' power over Satan and an army of his demons (5:1-20)







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## Rendering of Capernaum Synagogue





## Excavations at Capernaum



## Typical Male Jewish Dress according to Edersheim

- Sandals – summer; shoes –winter
- A head-wrap or turban
- An undergarment
- A girdle or sash that bound the undergarment around the waist.
- An outer garment, often a large square or rectangle, with a hole cut for the head that just hung loose.
  - On the four corners of that outer garment were blue and white tassels (Num. 15:37-40; Deut. 22:12).

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- **An Influential Leader (22-24a)**
  - 22 - "One of the synagogue officials named Jairus came up, and on seeing Him, fell at His feet."
  - 23 - "and implored Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death; *please* come and lay Your hands on her, so that she will get well and live."
  - 24a - "And He went off with him."

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- **An Anonymous Woman (24b-28)**
  - 28 - "For she thought, "If I just touch His garments, I will get well."
    - Cf. [Mark 3:9-10](#) - "for He had healed many, with the result that all those who had afflictions pressed around Him in order to touch Him."

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- **An Influential Leader (22-24a)**
- **An Anonymous Woman (24b-28)**
  - 24b - "and a large crowd was following Him and pressing in on Him."
  - 25-26 - "A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse."
    - Luke 8:43 - "A woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and could not be healed by anyone."
  - Her real problem: Lev. 15:25-27
  - 27 - "after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind Him and touched His cloak."

## Spiritual lessons from Two Desperate People

- 1) There is no partially with God.
  - Cf. Deut. 10:17; Job 34:19; Acts 10:34; Rom. 2:11; Jam. 2:9
  - Gal. 3:28 - "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."
- 2) God has different ways He prepares the soil of the heart.
  - 1) The demoniac: a sudden, divine interruption of life seemingly out of the blue.
  - 2) Jairus: some knowledge of Christ, but a relationship to Him brought to a head by personal crisis.
  - 3) The woman: a slow descent to the bottom, where all you can do is look up, and in that state of desperation, hear about Jesus.

## Spiritual lessons from Two Desperate People

- 3) God intends to provide us with a lesson in saving faith.
  - 1) Brought by personal need.
  - 2) Express a willingness to deny themselves to come to Christ.
  - 3) Placed their confidence in Christ alone.