

TWELVE
YEARS

MARK 5:21-43

Twelve Years

- Death is Satan's ultimate contemptible action toward God's original creative act
 - Our Creator didn't make us in His image to only have us endure diseases, fall victim to disasters, suffer death
 - He created us to live in dignity, to rule with our Savior and Lord over the rest of creation, to enjoy one another, and share intimate joy with Him...forever
- The world fell victim to evil-disease, disasters, death, and decay-when Satan enticed the first humans to sin
 - Now, we are all living under the dark shadow of evil, and we are all headed for the grave

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- While Satan dealt a deathblow to humanity and all of creation, he did not defeat the Creator, whose power is unequal
 - God will not allow His creation to remain under the unholy rule of the devil
 - He has determined to redeem to the world and bring everything under His sovereign authority again
 - That is why God became a man in the person of Jesus Christ, through whom He will establish His kingdom on earth

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- **Mark 4** unveils the theme of “God’s kingdom come” with a series of parables revealing several truths
 - The gospel is available to all, but some will not receive (4:1-25)
 - The kingdom is a divine work, but it will come through redeemed people (4:26-29)
 - The kingdom begins small, but it will eventually benefit the whole world (4:30-32)
- Mark continued developing the theme of “God’s kingdom come” by illustrating Jesus’ power and authority over nature (4:34-41)
 - And over the power of demons and darkness (5:1-20)

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- Today Mark continues this kingdom theme with a demonstration of the Lord's power over suffering and death
 - These miraculous displays of authority sent a clear message to Satan and all who suffer under his rule: God has come to redeem His creation from evil to establish His kingdom on earth

Mark 5:21-24

- **Mark 5:21-24 NIV**, 21 When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. 22 Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. 23 He pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” 24 So Jesus went with him.
- Here is well known synagogue leader in Capernaum named Jairus
 - He would have been respected, connected, fixture in the community, perceived as blessed by God

Mark 5:21-24

- He had been watching his only daughter slide toward death
- He has tried everything humanly possible
- He is now desperate
- He has heard, probably seen, Jesus healing others and in his desperation, comes to Jesus, falls at Jesus' feet and pleads with all his heart and emotions for his daughter's life
- He doesn't come in his position, authority, connectedness-he came in his desperation
- See the crowd part as Jairus comes before Jesus

Mark 5:21-24

- Most people would have assumed if Jesus would help any it would have been Jairus
- Jairus openly lays his need before Jesus, “My daughter is dying”
- Jairus set the conditions on his daughter’s healing, “Come, put hands on her, so she will be healed, and live”
- Notice Jairus’ faith in Jesus
- Not in his position, nationality, theology, religion-only Jesus

Mark 5:21-24

- Hear him say, “Yes” – O joy of joys, there is hope only in Jesus
- Jairus is nervous and in a hurry as he tries to move Jesus along swiftly toward his daughter, knowing time for her is short
- Suddenly, his joy is turned to despair again because of an unexpected interruption

Mark 5:24-28

- **Mark 5:24-28 NIV**, A large crowd followed and pressed around him. 25 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. 26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.”
- This woman was the complete opposite of Jairus
 - Imagine women having a period 12 years without stopping
 - She suffered a great deal over those 12 years trying to find a cure

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- She would be declared ceremony unclean which means she was secluded, isolated, rejected, was a nobody in society
 - The Jews believed illness was always a sign of God's displeasure of an individual
 - She could not even begin to face Jesus in her uncleanness, nor would the crowd allow her through
 - She did not want to be noticed
 - The best she could hope for was to sneak up behind and touch his robe that rested on His body
 - Her faith was not in the robe but in Jesus

Mark 5:24-28

- **Acts 19:11-12 NIV**, “11 God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured, and the evil spirits left them.”
- In her desperation and faith, she went to Jesus risking everything

Mark 5:29-31

- **Mark 5:29-31 NIV**, 29 Immediately her bleeding stopped, and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. 30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?” 31 “You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’”
 - We see here Jesus is the Lord of our interruptions
 - Jesus knew someone had touched Him in faith and by His will allowed this healing to happen

Mark 5:29-31

- Jesus didn't just heal her body but “freed her from her suffering”
 - The seclusion, isolation, rejection gone
 - Free to enter the temple and worship again
 - Free to live as her Heavenly Father created her to be
 - She was made new and when you are made new you know it
- Have you ever exited someplace with a large number of people, stadium?
 - This was why Jesus' disciples were confused

Mark 5:29-31

- Jesus desired a relationship with this woman so she could know He had fully accepted her
- Not knowing how Jesus would react, the woman sought to silently slip away until she heard the words, “Who touched Me?”
- So often we would like to accept Jesus quietly without others knowing, without Jesus receiving the glory
- Jesus desired more than a healing but a relationship with the woman

Mark 5:32-34

- **Mark 5:32-34 NIV**, 32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. 33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. 34 He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”
 - I have a sense when she started moving toward Jesus the crowd separated for her this time
 - She came before Jesus in fear with trembling and confessed all

Mark 5:32-34

- Look at the tenderness of Jesus
 - “Daughter”, the same word Jairus used, the same love Jairus had for his daughter Jesus had for her
 - “Go in peace”, for 12 years she had no peace, now she was at peace with herself, religion, but mostly her God
 - “Be free from your suffering”, the Jews would have heard, “be freed from your sins”

Mark 5:32-34

- Sometimes our suffering is not physically
 - Sins and failures of the past keeps Satan's voice in our heads
 - Unmet expectations
 - Failures of those entrusted to watch over us

Mark 5:35-36

- **Mark 5:35-36 NIV**, 35 While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher anymore?”
36 Overhearing (*ignoring*) what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”
 - Don’t bother Jesus anymore since the problem is too big for Him, past his ability, all hope is gone
 - The only thing left to do is bury your grief and go on with life
 - I think Jairus began the “Whys”

Mark 5:35-36

- Jesus' instruction to Jairus, "Ignore them, don't be afraid, just believe"
 - Be careful who you let have your ear
 - Jesus has already told Jairus He would heal her by starting to his house
 - Nothing has change that matters to Jesus
 - Jesus is the Lord of our interruptions

Mark 5:37-39

- **Mark 5:37-39 NIV**, 37 He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. 38 When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. 39 He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” 40 But they laughed at him.
 - Commotion - a loud, confused noise, especially one caused by a large mass of people
 - This is understandable, they did not see this as Jesus did

Mark 5:37-39

- In the middle of their commotion Jesus offers His truth, “The child has slipped away from you but not me.”
 - “To me she is asleep and I’m going in to wake her up”
- This was so far past their ability to believe or understand they laughed at Jesus
- Let Jesus into your commotions, He sees what you cannot without faith
- Listen to His voice of truth in the middle of your commotions

Mark 5:40-42

- **Mark 5:40-42 NIV**, After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him and went in where the child was. 41 He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). 42 Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished.
 - Jesus put everyone out except the parents and disciples for witnesses
 - There are times you must remove the doubters from your life to allow Jesus to transform you

Mark 5:40-42

- “Little girl, I say to you, get up!” and death said “Yes, Sir!” and her soul entered back into her physical body, and she was made whole again
- Death has a master, and his name is Jesus
- She wasn’t sort of brought back to life and it took some days for health to come to her body
- Jesus’ healings were always instantly complete
- So is His salvation to those who believe in or through faith

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- There will be a time when all of God's very good creation will be redeemed to its original status
- **Revelation 21:5 NIV**, 5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."
- God's plan of restoring creation starts with the restoring of God's own partner in the ruling His creation – Mankind

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- This is why Jesus briefly set aside His privileges of heaven, put on flesh and made His dwelling with us
 - This is why He healed, demonstrating His authority over everything that corrupts His Heavenly Fathers perfect creation
 - Demonstrating there is forgiveness of sin through Him and only Him
 - This is why He had to go to the cross and suffer my death for my sins
 - That we individually could be redeemed, set free, and live through our faith in Him, even in this cursed physical world

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- The world system is still trying to get our eyes off Jesus and onto mankind
 - “I am my own master!” – no you’re not
 - “We can manage this world without God!” – no we cannot
 - “Mankind is just a souped-up glob of goo!” – no we are God’s highest creation on earth
- **John 14:6 NIV**, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
 - Listen to His voice of truth found in Scripture and His Holy Spirit in the middle of your commotions and be free

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