

Mark 5-8

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Left Over from Last Week

1. The Unforgivable Sin

Mark 3:28-30 ²⁸ "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"-- ³⁰ for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

2. The Parables of the Kingdom

Responses to the message of the Kingdom (4.1-20)

The path – Snatched away

Rocky ground – No depth

Thorns – Choked out

Good soil – Bears fruit

Light, measure for measure (4.21-25)

Seed analogies (4.26-34)

This Week

A. The Themes of Death & Life

Mark 5:5 ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones.

Mark 5:13 So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea.

Mark 5:15 They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid.

Mark 5:23 "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

Mark 5:29 ²⁹ Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

Mark 5:39-42 When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.

B. Herod and John (6.14-29)

Guilt (6.16)

Resisting the Truth (6.18)

Major decisions while impaired (6.21-23)

Pride (6.26)

Death (6.27-28)

C. Proper Areas of Concern in Living

More than ceremonial activity (7.1-8)

Watch out for technicalities (7.9-13)

The inner life is where cleanness / uncleanness resides (7.14-23)

D. Two Points of Theological Focus

1. The identity of Jesus (8.27-30)

2. The mission of Jesus (8.31-33)