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A LIGHT TO THE GENTILES

Study #4 - "The Healing of Legion"

Reading: Mark 5

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My dear beloved brethren & sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ. It was one of those days; it began with the Lord and the disciples not being able to partake of breakfast because of the crush of the people around them. Mark chapter 3 and verse 20, 'many were the people that gathered in that place where they were'. The record says, 'for as much as they could not so much as eat bread'. It continues with some of the most distressing incidents that could ever overtake any man! His own family came to Him in verse 21 of Mark 3, and accused Him of being beside Himself. They tried to restrain Him, but that was immediately followed by an attack by the leaders of Jewry, who came to accuse Him of performing work through the power of Beelzebub. the day went on like that and He performed miracles, and although He spoke many wonderful words on that day, parable after parable as is recorded for us in chapter 4 and 5, but it came to an end and the Lord could go no further. And in total exhaustion the disciples took Him into a boat, that they might release Him from the clutches of the people. They didn't do so until He told them a parable; the parable of chapter 4 of Mark, verses 30 to 34 which we know as the parable of the mustard seed.

He spoke a parable which referred to the kingdom of God, embarrassing all the nations. Verse 32 of that chapter says, 'that when it is sown it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, does this tree, and shoots out great branches, so that the fowls of the air they lodge under the shadow of it'. When the Lord Jesus Christ saw a vision of a time when He would sit upon the throne of David, and would gather all nations to that throne, and they would take refuge beneath the canopy of that great tree, the kingdom of God upon the earth. you and I are amongst the fowls of the air that are being drawn to that tree, and the work He was doing was to bring us, under the canopy of its shade. The truth of that lies in the chapter that follows!

When He came to the point of total exhaustion, on the same day, verse 35, of Mark 4 we read, 'That when the even was come, He saith unto His disciples, Let us pass over unto the other side' and He fell asleep on His feet because verse 36 says, 'That when they had sent the multitude away, (and the Lord Himself normally performed that duty), when they had sent the multitude away they took Him even as He was in the ship. He was near collapsing and fell asleep on His feet. And they laid Him in the back of the boat, and verse 37 says, 'there arose a great storm of wind on Galilee that night, and the waves beat into the ship, and that it was now full. But He was in the hinder part of the ship asleep on a pillow; and they awake Him, and saying, Master, carest thou not that we perish? He'd spent the whole day trying to save people from perishing; did they not see, that while Christ was in the vessel, they could smile at the storm? Was there no realization in their minds, that while He was there, they were safe? That's why while the Lord Jesus Christ is in the ark, we have no need to fear, ? All this time that the Lord walked in the midst of the ecclesia, and fellowshiped it, there was no need for us to fear the storms that were going on outside of us? 'And He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm'.....

In the last verse of chapter 4 we read, 'that they feared Him exceedingly' and they received His rebuke, 'Have you no faith? And they said, 'What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him? And the Psalmist gives us a clue as to what that really means. For he tells us in Psalm 65 (and we won't turn to it, but make a note of it), verse 5 to 7, he talks about the tumult of the people in the context of the raging of the waves and the sea; that Yahweh is able to command for the sea to be still. 'Peace, be still' saith the Lord, and the waves of that sea became calm. we all know what the sea represents, the peoples and nations and tongues, and the raging of the people can be stilled by the Word of Yahweh. And we're going to see the raging of a mind being stilled by a word.

At verse 41 of chapter 4 there's a reference to the sea, 'that even the wind and the sea obeyed Him', and the last verse of the incident of the healing of Legion ends with a reference to the sea, remember

that? The last words that our reader read from verse 21 of chapter 5 says, 'that He was nigh unto the sea', and we'll make more of that in due time. Even though He was exhausted, He knew where He was going, He knew what He was doing, and He knew what He would meet on the other side. they came in verse 1 of Mark 5, unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when He was come out of the ship, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit (more of him in a moment).

But first of all, let's get our facts straight, about this country of the Gadarenes. Our theme for this weekend has been 'a light of the Gentiles' and this was a Gentile region. Gardara was the capital of Perara, one of the tetrarchys of the Roman Empire in that area. Gardara was the city situate about six miles from the lake, a capital of ten cities in fact, which had a large Gentile population. The area was called Gardara but there are those who think it goes right back to the times of the Gergesites, because in Matthew we read, Matthew 8:28, we read 'that this area was also called the country of the Gergesenes', said to be related to Gergesa, which is said to have come from the Canaanitish word 'gergeshites'. Whether this is the case or not, it's quite plain that the country of the Gadarenes was a Gentile area both by origin and by the fact of its present population. It was almost Gentile and the region itself was called Decapolis (have a look at verse 20); 'He departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him'. Now Decapolis means 'ten cities', deca=ten, capolis=city, and the ten cities of that region which were all around the lake of Galilee were all Roman cities established about B.C.65. They were established to promote the interests of the Roman Empire, which of course, was growing from that time onwards in that region, and ensconced in that area were many thousands of people of different origins. They were Latins, and you're going to meet one in a moment, who adopted a Latin name even though he probably was a Jew; he adopted that name, so that he might represent the people in that area.

You say to me, 'is there any extra proof?' Yes, there is; come back with me to Matthew chapter 4; where in Matthew 4 we read in verse 12, 'Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee, And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, The Land of Zebulun, and the Land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw a great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up'. And look at verse 25, 'And there followed Him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judea, and from beyond Jordan'. But there were many people that followed Him from Decapolis, and I believe that many of them were Gentiles! And Jesus knew who He'd meet when He crossed the lake, and who did He meet?

Mark 5 verse 9, 'And Jesus asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many'. Now he was a representative man and as I said, he might well have been a Jew, he might have been a Gentile. It doesn't really matter, what matters is that he had adopted a Gentile name, and it was a representative name because 'Legion' is a Latin word that means 'many', and in fact it was the word chosen by the Romans to represent a division of their army. Do you know how many men there were in a legion? Yes, there was 6,000 men at least, in a Roman legion. 6,000, and 6 is the number of man and 1,000 is the number referring to a family, so here was the 'family of man' represented in one man. there has been 6,000 years of human history in which Yahweh has been taking out of the nations, a people for His Son. Have you got the idea of it? The Spirit through Mark is trying to tell us, that here is a man that represents all men, and he was found in the Gentile area, in the company of the Gadarenes. We can see that point, and yet we can't see ourselves in Legion, but we will see in the condition of that man and the state of his mind, ourselves before we came in the truth. And we will appreciate what has been done for us, by the Work of the Son of God, that by a word, so to speak, we have been healed from the tumult of the storm that had been going on in our minds, or was going on in our minds, before our conversion.

And the words 'Peace, be still' means the storm's been calmed, and we're going to see, just who that man was, that came miraculously across that lake that night. And like Legion, we will no longer be

amazed as to what it was that brought that ship through the storm, where the others might turn back or maybe even sink, that night. We'll see what it was that brought the sea of nations, on that occasion, to seem like a sea of glass. that's our theme for this morning, and I want you to see in Legion, to go back in your minds before you came into the truth, in whatever state that was, having been raised as a Christadelphian or having been 'plucked from the world', it doesn't matter, we all went through this in some way; and we begin to appreciate that then, when we go through this record of Legion.

In verse 2 of Mark 5, we read of him, 'And when he was come out of the ship, (about a half hour later) that immediately Legion was there on the banks of the lake of Galilee how many times had he made that journey to the shores of that lake? It says in verse 2 that 'he came out of the tombs', and Gadara of course, was the area of very high and lofty mountains; they were Palestinian mountains and the ones upon which Legion had his habitation, were mountains which ran down steeply into the lake. They ran straight down like the sides of a grave, and in fact, they had used the side of that mountain for the purpose of burying people. They were good for nothing else! but the cuts out of them, the catacombs, the graves, into which they threw the dead bodies, an ideal place for a derelict, and that's where Legion had his abode! you and I use to live with him; you and I use to live amongst the dead, and we were taken out of the tomb from among the dead and brought into the presence of the Son of God. And here he was, standing before Him; and what was his problem, ?

Verse 2 says that he 'had an unclean spirit'; now we all know that that means a spirit of insanity. I won't go into lengthy explanation about that because we accept that; it means a spirit of insanity; his mind was deranged in some way. Now before you and I came to the truth and recognized who that man was in His fullness, we, too, were deranged of mind. We had an unclean spirit; now spirit is the word that is used for disposition , a way of thinking and when you have an unclean way of thinking, it means that you have a 'lawless mind', and the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, dominate your thinking, and therefore, dominate your way of life. And what you do is a result of the lawlessness of your mind. And that's why you're amongst the dead; we all know what it is to be driven by fleshly thinking. And when that sort of thinking dominates your mind and you do know something about truth and we all went through that, in one degree or another!

Let's read on in verse 3, 'who had his dwelling among the tombs' (he was dead while his body lived) and you, says Paul, 'who were dead in trespasses and sins. Ephesians 2:1, 'have been made alive', how? 'by the Words of His grace'. that was our state, but moreover in that state, 'no man can bind us, no, not even with chains'. And when the Law was brought to bear, we rebelled against it, as Paul says in Romans 7, 'when the commandment came, lust rose up within him, and rebelled against that commandment'. You can't hold the Gentiles in chains; by Law? what man can be harnessed by Law? by Law alone? there's got to be more than that, doesn't there, in the truth? For those that live by Law, live by a lie! because there's a raging storm going on in their minds, and they might appear to be calm outside, but that storm continues within. Law only incites sin, hence the Jewish nation were bound in a prison house of their own making; but they didn't realize that the Law was a schoolmaster to bring them to Christ, that they might be released from its clutches, and live in newness of life in Him. Not by Law but by the Spirit of a new way of thinking here was a man who was.... who they tried to bind with chains and fetters and they had taken him in his calmer moments, (and they were calmer moments when he wasn't a raging mad man), and they took him and bound him in chains and tried to hold him down, and the record says, 'because he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him'.

He'd torn them to shreds and threw them away, and the fetters of iron were of no consequence to him, 'neither could any man tame him'. The word 'tame' there is only used three times in the New Testament; the other two occurrences, James chapter 3 verses 7 and 8, 'the tongue can no man tame'. Any man who can bridle the tongue is capable of bridling the whole body' (ever achieve that? I haven't, you haven't, no one has except Christ) We can't hold our tongues still, especially in my case, you can't hold it still, ; if we could we could bridle the whole body. We'd have total control of ourselves, and here was a man that no man could tame; and the flesh unbridled can't be tamed by

Law. It only can be crucified by Spirit! He was a man who had your problems and my problems, that's why he's called Legion; 'we are many'; every man could see himself in this man, and always, night and day, it was endless. Night and day he was in the mountains and in the tombs among the dead; he knew something about the truth; he had seen with his eyes the miraculous events of the night, of the storm. He knew who the One was that had come across that lake in the boat; because he heard a report, and we shall see in a moment he had a conception of Jesus Christ, that put the Jews to shame. he wasn't a total maniac in the sense of not being capable of thinking, as we shall see, he was quite capable of thinking, and making sense of things. But his mind was seriously deranged in some way. Perhaps with a dreadful schizophrenia which at times, made it impossible for him to be restrained by anything at all.

Now, that's a very classic example of what you and I were like before we came to the truth. There were times when we were calm and there were times when we raged like a storm; you know they call it, they call it 'having a rage', to let your flesh go and let your hair down, and do what your flesh wants to do; that's a rage! Very interesting term because that's exactly what was happening to Legion; the storm of his spiritual insanity was raging in his mind. because of his torment, he spent his time, night and day, crying, cutting himself with stones; can you imagine that? You know, with people who have a deranged mind, there are no veneers; as the scripture itself says, 'those with unclean spirits or those who were insane, knew Christ; they knew who He was. Do you know what that means? It means that when the spirits conceived that Jesus was greater than an ordinary man, and they heard that He claimed to be the Son of God, they were prepared to come out and confess that that was the case! Whereas the other Jews, ordinary people, who were in possession of their faculties, also knew deep down in their heart, that this was in fact, Messiah. But because they were not prepared to accept Him as such, they held their true feelings down, and suppressed them. They put on a front which said, we don't believe that you're Messiah, but in their hearts they really knew that He was, but the deranged mind wouldn't do that! That's what it means when it says, 'the unclean spirits knew Him', and declared who He was. It is true, isn't it? We know by our experience; it's quite true, that people with a deranged mind have no veneers; what is in their heart just pours forth, there's no subtlety about them, and that's what this man was like. he understood the cause of his torment; with a storm going on in his mind, he knew it to be a problem that belonged to his body. And his body was driving him, and his mind was working out ways and means of giving the body what it wanted. An unclean spirit that fed the flesh; ever been in that state? That was my state before I came to the truth, regardless of the fact that I was raised in it. And you know what that was like! In that state Legion was cutting himself with stones; can you imagine him taking a stone, not a knife, even a knife would be difficult, but a stone, and cutting himself with it, and crying out 'Ahaaaa! Can you imagine the scene? Night and day it went on! for year after year; no wonder they tried to bind him with chains and to lock him away.

And when I was coming into the truth and when you were coming into the truth, and your eyes were in a stage of being opened, to see the real issues of life, and what God required of you you came to realize like Legion, that your real problem was this body! and as it were, we began to 'cut it' with stones, because we saw it as being the key to our problem. But we weren't quite ready in the mind to crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts, and neither was Legion!

Look at the record, verse 6, 'But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran' (he was urgent zealous, to be in the presence of that man) Here perhaps, was the answer to his problems, and yet there was a reluctance in him. It says that 'he worshipped Him' and crashed with his feet before the feet of the Lord, prostrating himself in His presence. 'And he cried with a loud voice' as a deranged mind probably would; he was no further away from the Lord, than this lectern is from me. Yet he cried with a loud voice, 'What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not'. Now, you look at that verse; this man is suppose to be a total raving maniac, isn't he? This man here, is suppose to be a raving maniac, and yet he knew that Jesus was the Son of the most high God. Not many Jews would admit to that; but they might have known it! He knew about oaths of adjuration, 'I adjure thee by God'. Where did he get that from? Exodus? He must have known something about oaths; he understood that God wasn't just God, He was the

most high God. Now you put that together, and what you've got is no maniac; not a mind that is unable to receive impressions or to understand certain things. What you've got is a mind that could perceive, but a mind that was at times, torn asunder by derangement, probably schizophrenia. And are we not at times two people instead of one? Are there not two people lurking around in the same body, the one that we present to our brethren and the one that God sees in private? When we go back and become the old man again, when we ought to have left it behind in the grave? And was it not true, that as we came to the truth especially those who came from the world, who had on board, all the things that the world offers, who use to enjoy the things that the world would give them, and yet could see in that, a vanity and an emptiness that caused them to be tormented. And when they came in the truth and they saw the rising light of a new day before them, and the truth began to make an impression upon them; they were drawn to that light because they saw something in it that was quite miraculous, even as Legion had looked down from the mountain and saw the miracle of that night upon the lake. But as they came to the Lord Jesus Christ they too like Legion, experienced the torment, because they understood that the closer they came to Him, the more they were required to sacrifice, that they might stay near Him.

Isn't that true? 'I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not'; he wasn't quite ready for full commitment and no man ever is! There are very few people who are Gentiles today, and Israelites, indeed, tomorrow; it takes a time for us to jettison the baggage of the world, and fully commit ourselves to life in the truth, so that we have no other interests at all, apart from those that are related to the truth! And this man was going through that torment, and his problem is pointed out in verse 8, for He said unto him, 'Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit'; that was our problem! The reason we had the torment as we came nearer to Christ was that we weren't quite ready at that stage to abandon fleshly thinking! We had to get our minds changed; we had to have the unclean disposition that is naturally there, overcome by the power of the Word, and when the Word took over we could then jettison the baggage of the world. That was Legion's case and that is our case, and I'll guarantee you this that there are some unbaptized people here today, young or old, who are going through that right now! Not unusual, it's happened to everyone of us.

Have a look at what goes on in the record. The Lord commands, 'Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit' (you've got to lose that unclean way of thinking). And He asked him, 'What is thy name?' And he answered, saying, 'My name is Legion: for we are many', and when the flesh rules we are many men, are we not? We can be like any man; we ought not to be surprised at the problems that overtake brethren, who appear on the surface, that they would never ever indulge in those things; and then we find out they have! You and I can be like any man; (swine that have been washed can return to wallow in the mud, and a dog to its vomit), no problem let the mind go and that's the consequence!

And so in verse 10, 'And he besought Him much that He would not send them away out of the country.' Have you every thought about that? Here is a man with a deranged mind; in the scriptures it's called an 'unclean spirit or demon' that's the language, it was the vernacular of the day, and this man Legion besought Christ that He would not send them a long way away', and yet that's exactly what we've got to do. We've got to replace this deranged mind, with His own clean one, and get this other one as far away as we can get it. And yet here he was saying, 'don't send them a long way away; I'm not quite ready to completely abandon the step between what I am now and what I see in you, it's too big to bridge; don't send them away too far'. Whoever got rid of the problems of the past in a day? Let me give you some examples; I know some wonderful brethren and sisters, one or two of them have stated, who have come to the truth in recent years, who found it difficult to get rid of the baggage of the past, and usually the last things to go is their television set. And they go through torment; 'I wonder if we should get rid of it? The children have been use to it for so long; oh, we'll just watch the right programs' and in the end they realize that coming out of the face of that box, is an unclean spirit which they are not prepared, just at this stage, to remove far into another country.

'And they besought the Lord much that He would not send them away out of the country', and Christ shows Legion and you and me, what we ought to be doing with the unclean spirit of the human mind. Because verse 11 says, 'Now there was nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding' (it

could have said, 'a great herd of swine (stop). But it doesn't, it says 'there were a great herd of swine feeding'; ever seen swine feeding? not even children eat like swine feeding. Sloppy as they might be swine when they feed, tear up the ground, they rout up the earth and they leave in their wake, a churned patch of ground that is boggy just like the waves of the ocean, which are churned up by the wind of a storm that night. That's the consequence of letting the flesh rage! and when our minds dominates our body, and vice versa, and we give ourselves as we did when we were Gentiles, to do what the flesh wants, we are like swine feeding. In our wake, we left churned up earth, get the idea of that? And it was next door to them as they stood upon the banks of that lake, high upon the mountain, up near the tombs where the dead lay, there was a great herd of swine feeding and tearing up the grass and the ground.

What did Christ do with the deranged mind of the man who was described as a demon, verse 12, 'And they besought Him saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them', and Christ was pleased to do it, verse 13, 'And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out' and the insanity of that man's mind was transferred to the pigs. 'And entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea (they were about two thousand:) and were choked in the sea'. And that's exactly what we've got to do with the mind of the flesh. And what the Lord was saying to Legion was, 'Legion, I understand your problem; I can be merciful towards it; I want you to learn a lesson. You see that herd of swine feeding; that's you, Legion, and you represent the Gentiles, (since there were 2,000 of them up there on that hill, and there's been 2,000 years from the time of Christ until now, when the Gentiles have had the opportunity to come into the faith. 2,000 years of opportunity; 2,000 swine)! I'll show you what the Gentiles are going to do, Legion. You represent them! What we've got to do is get rid of this unclean spirit so I'll transfer it into the swine.' And that's exactly what we were before we came to the truth. SWINE! and many of us were feeding. And when we realize, that that mind had to go, we buried it in water, and it was choked in the sea. It went down into the sides of a grave, and the sides of that mountain were like that, and in the side of that limestone rock were graves. And the record says 'they ran violently down' they were compelled to go down, and nothing would stop them. And when they reached the bottom can you imagine 2,000 fat hogs going into the water? It would have churned that lake up with great violence; and when they sunk beneath the surface and there were no more pigs to be seen, there was a great calm. And there will only ever be a great calm in our lives, if when we come to baptism, we get rid of the swine. If we want to hang on to the unclean spirit, we'll suffer; we'll be tormented by it. We've got to get rid of it, bury it, beneath the waters of baptism. Choke it out of our lives and God will bring a great calm! if not we will continue for the rest of our days, to struggle between flesh and spirit, which we know (tape turned.) It is only those who do not make the full commitment to be rid of an unclean spirit, who will end up leaving the truth.

That was the lesson of Legion, 'And they that fed the swine fled, and told it, verse 14, in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done'. And what did they find when they went out? And they found this representative man, Legion, many, representing all nations, all peoples, the Gentiles included. What did they find when they went out, ? Did they find a man who now bore the name Legion; was he still many? NO; he was but one! Again, he was a representative man, and verse 15 says, 'They came to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, (he had the legion, he didn't have it anymore) and they found him sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind' (and you'll notice that your margin offers you a reference in Luke 8 verse 27, which we won't turn to, it just gives us one little more point of detail about Legion, and it tells us that he was naked when the Lord found him. He didn't have a garment) And all the ugliness of the flesh, which was manifest in him, and all the cuttings and the bleeding of his torment, were there to be seen in their stark horror; he was naked. That was your condition as it was mine, before we came to the truth; but when we did, we got a garment that was whiter than the garment that covers this table.

Where did we get it from? Where did Legion get his from? He got it from Christ, and there he was, sitting with Christ, as we sit with Christ in the heavenly places clothed in a white garment and moreover the record says, 'he was in his right mind'. The unclean spirit was gone; and the word for 'right mind' is the Greek word 'sophroneo' which the apostle Paul loves to use in his epistles, of a

sound mind', 2 Timothy 1 and verse 7 is one such case; we haven't been given the spirit of fear or of dread but as Paul says, 'we've been given the spirit of a sound mind' and it's that sound way of thinking that allows us to jettison the baggage of the past. Legion, still represents us, though he now sits there as one man, because we are here today, as one man; and though we be many, we are one bread and one body. And members of that body, who gather here and elsewhere, are but one man, and we all sit in the very presence of God in the heavenly places, in that one man.

'But when those who came to see, saw what was done, verse 16, and when they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine. And they began, (tragically) to pray Him to depart out of their coasts'. And He did! And those who don't want to jettison the unclean spirit of their mind, will be left with it, and they will suffer torment; but that wasn't to be the case with Legion. 'And when He was come into the ship, we are told in verse 18, 'and He was going to depart from them, he that had been possessed with the demon prayed Him that he might be with Him'; he will be with Him one day, permanently, forever he will be with Him, as you and I will be. 'Howbeit Jesus said, the time hasn't come for you, Legion, (but He doesn't call him that) the time hasn't come for you to be with me permanently; you've got a work to do. Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee'. He didn't have any friends; and what friends he might have had, use to try and bind him with chains. Where were his friends? It didn't matter did it? The first man he encountered was a friend, and the second, and the thousand, because they were all in the same state that he had been in, and they all needed what happened to him. And you and I would love to be with Christ, wouldn't we? But there's a work to be done; go home to those who are being tormented; go out to those that suffer, who can perceive something better but don't know what it is, and want that something. Give it to them! tell them what the Lord has done for you, and how He's had compassion on thee.

'And he departed, verse 20, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him:' look at the words that follow! 'and all men did marvel'. have you ever asked yourself the question, why in the same chapter of the bible, that the Lord says to this man, 'you go and tell as many people as you can, what I've done for you', but in verse 43 says this after the raising and healing of the daughter of Jairus, and the healing of the woman with the issue, 'He charged them straightly that no man should know it'. And He told them don't you tell anybody what I've done; He was amongst the Jews when He said that! And He was talking to the ruler of the synagogue and yet when He was in the area of the Gadarenes, talking to this man called Legion, He said to him, you tell as many people as you can! What does it mean? It means this, that Christ understood that the Jews would reject Him, they wouldn't believe the signs; they would take their own Messiah, the Son of the Most High God, and they would crucify Him. DON'T TELL THEM WHAT I'VE DONE; THEY WON'T BELIEVE IT! but go to the Gentiles and they will!

So the record of Mark 5 and verse 21 concludes by saying, 'And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto Him:' (but He never left the sea, He never again abandoned Galilee of the Gentiles, until He went up to die for all men!)