

Mark 3:7-5:43

I. In the passage Mark records Jesus doing four specific miracles:

- (a) calming a storm (Mark 4:35-41)
- (b) healing a demon-possessed man (Mark 5:1-20)
- (c) healing a sick woman (Mark 5:25-34)
- (d) raising a dead girl to life (Mark 5:35-43)

In these events, Jesus showed authority over

- (a) a force of nature. The act of him being able to calm a storm no man ever has any power to expand on shows us that Jesus is able to command weather.

Mark 4:39 (ESV)

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.

- (b) demons. Yes, PLURAL.

Mark 5:9 (ESV)

And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.

This just means that the man was possessed by multiple demons, not one. And for Jesus to be able to command all of them means he has authority over arguably all demons, rather than just one as according to Mark 1:23-28. His authority is showed when that man had to ask to be driven out into a herd of pigs. (v.12)

- (c) illnesses.

Mark 5:25-29 (ESV)

²⁵ And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,²⁶ and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse.²⁷ She had heard the reports about Jesus came up behind in the crowd and touched his garment.²⁸ For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." ²⁹ And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her service.

Other gospels in the Bible describe this woman's illness as follows:

Matthew 9:20 (ESV)

And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment.

Luke 8: 43 (ESV)

And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone.

NOTE : The Gospel of John does not mention this as well as Jairus' story as well.

This shows how severe this woman's illness is at the time. With her being healed just by touching Jesus' garments while all her earlier attempts of getting treated by physicians shows that Jesus has got authority over even severe cases of illnesses.

(d) DEATH. Jairus' daughter was already declared dead when Jesus came to see her. While even today it just means nothing can be done to save her, all Jesus did was call out to her as if she were only asleep. Just as he says to everyone present and already mourning over her death. The girl then awoke as if nothing happened. Noting that when Jairus first came to Jesus, he already implied that her daughter was not dead, but on the verge of death nonetheless. (Gospel of Matthew remarks dead on the other hand.)

Mark 5: 22 - 23 (ESV)

²² Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³ and implored him earnestly, saying, "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."

Luke 8: 41-42 (ESV)

⁴¹ And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus' feet, he implored him to come to his house, ⁴² for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. . .

* Matthew 9: 18 (ESV)

While he was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live."

2. When Jairus' daughter died, and all hope seemed to be lost (Mark 5:35), Jesus asked Jairus to not fear (probably implying not to fear over being helpless over his daughter's death) but to believe (assuring that he still can save his daughter).

Mark 5: 36 (ESV)

But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."

Honestly, no one would be able to comprehend or trust what seems to be preposterous to almost anyone.

3. Looking at all the events as mentioned in ①, Jesus' actions garnered responses from those around him during those times:

(a) Calming the storm is no ordinary feat, even today considered for that matter. As soon as Jesus does this, his disciples whom he brought with him were shown to be filled with great fear.

Mark 4:40-41 (ESV)

⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

(b) All too well, after the demons were driven out from the man and into some two thousand pigs, the herdsmen fled and told what happened to those in the city and country (v.14). They came to see what had happened later after that. Seeing Jesus and the possessed man who was now clothed and sane, all of them were just afraid (v.15).

Mark 5:14-15 (ESV)

¹⁴ The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵ And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.

(c) This ties in all of the miracles and works of Jesus amongst those whom He had encountered. Assuming that this unwell woman managed to overhear and know about any of them, or probably feeling desperate at the moment, she decided to place her faith that Jesus would be able to cure her from her seemingly incurable disease, and touched him. This does not go unnoticed by Jesus, however, after which she told him the whole truth.

Mark 5:34 (ESV)

And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

(d) Upon bringing the dead girl back to life, everyone there were overcome with amazement.

Mark 5:42 (ESV)

And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement.

Reflection Question: Do I see myself in any of these responses?

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CHAPTER III (Continued):

- (15) A Great Crowd Follows Jesus (Mark 3: 7 - 12)
- (16) The Twelve Apostles (Mark 3: 13 - 21)
- (17) Blasphemy Against the Holy Spirit (Mark 3: 22 - 30)
- (18) Jesus' Mother and Brothers (Mark 3: 31 - 35)

CHAPTER IV

- (19) The Parable of the Sower (Mark 4: 1 - 9)
- (20) The Purpose of the Parables (Mark 4: 10 - 20)
- (21) A Lamp Under a Basket (Mark 4: 21 - 25)
- (22) The Parable of the Seed Growing (Mark 4: 26 - 29)
- (23) The Parable of the Mustard Seed (Mark 4: 30 - 34)
- (24) Jesus Calms a Storm (Mark 4: 35 - 41)

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CHAPTER V

- (25) Jesus Heals a Man with a Demon (Mark 5: 1 - 20)
- (26) Jesus Heals a Woman and Jairus's Daughter (Mark 5: 21 - 43)