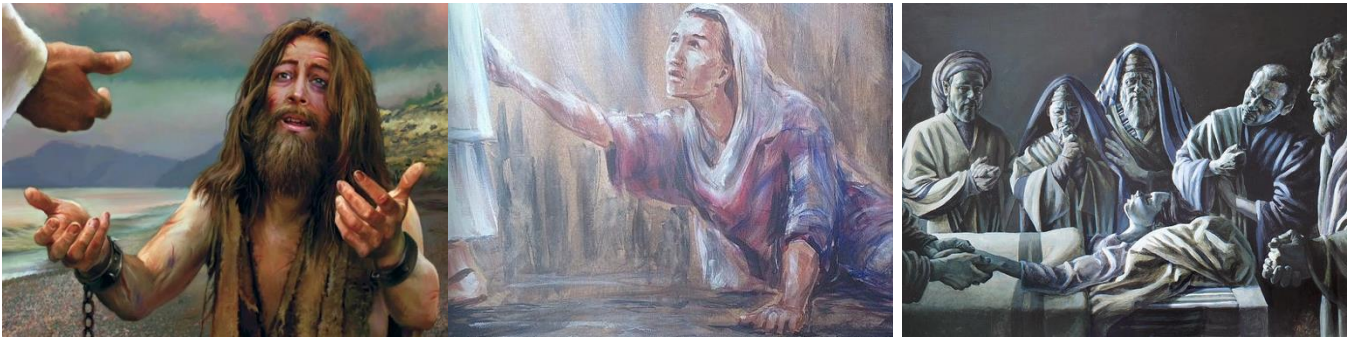


# Life Group Notes for the Week Beginning Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## Living The Jesus Way – Trading Fear for Faith

### Mark 5

*We are looking at the whole of Mark 5 this week so you might wish to think of ways of reading it that bring it to life (perhaps different voices)*



#### Intro

What can you recall from Sunday's sermon on the theme of "trading fear for faith"? Did it speak to you?

#### Bible Study

Mark 5:1-20

As a whole group, or in twos or threes:

1. Jesus and His disciples land on Gentile territory. (Jews don't keep pigs.) How does Mark describe the demon-possessed Gentile (5:1-6)?
2. How does Jesus deal with Him?
3. The sending of the demons into the pigs seems very odd. Why did Jesus do this?
4. Why did the locals beg Jesus to go away?
5. Why does Jesus tell the man he cannot come with him?

*Some folk are bothered by the fact that the pigs got drowned. It is worth remembering that the pigs were not kept as pets, but to be slaughtered and eaten. We can assume that the owners retrieved the drowned pigs from the lake and then had to cure them for sale rather sooner than they might otherwise have done. So, it wasn't a great loss!*

## Mark 5:21-43

1. After healing the demon-possessed man, Jesus crosses the Sea of Galilee again. In the crowd that greets Him is Jairus, a synagogue president. What does Jairus do?
2. Given the hostility Jesus faced from the Jewish authorities, how might Jairus's actions affect Jairus politically, socially and religiously (i.e. how would other synagogue leaders react to him seeking help from Jesus) ?
3. Why does the woman with internal bleeding touch Jesus clothes? Why didn't she speak to him directly?
4. How does Jesus respond to the news that Jairus's daughter died?
5. Mark places the story of the woman with chronic bleeding inside the story about Jairus's daughter, and obviously means for us to consider them together. How are both stories about fear and faith?

## Issues

1. Have you ever felt that you wanted Jesus to go away and leave you alone? What might make people feel that way?
2. How do you think Jairus may have felt about Jesus being delayed by the woman? How do you feel when the Lord takes His time to answer prayers?
3. What fears would you like to bring to Jesus?

## Reflection

**Jesus said: "Don't be afraid; just believe." Mark 5:36**

**Write these words up large and place them in a prominent position in your home and put them into practice!**