

The Gospel of Mark - God of Disease and Death

Scripture: Mark 5:21-43

Also: Mark 10:45; Psalm 77:11; 1 John 5:14; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Exodus 7; Daniel 3; Ephesians 2:1

Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
 2. From Mark 4-5 (the last several sermons), what are the things that Jesus is God over?
 - When you think through that list, how does that impact you?
 3. Can you describe a time (maybe it's right now!) when you felt overwhelmed with the demands on your time/money/life?
 - Jesus was busy, juggling the competing demands in His life (going to heal a little girl), but met this interruption (a woman who needed healing) well. Both of the needs were real and significant. Are there any principles from how he handled the interruption that can transfer to our current life situations?
 4. Both Jairus' and the woman's faith could be considered small, weak, imperfect or even superstitious rather than real faith in Jesus.
 - Have you ever felt like your faith is small/weak?
 - Jesus met these individuals right where they were, even with their weak faith. Where are you (where are your areas of need)?
 - How is your faith in Him doing?
 - Have you ever felt like someone asked you to help them out of improper or weak motives? How can we (individuals who make up the church) respond to those in a biblical way?
 5. Jesus hears our distressing cries. Desperation is often a precursor to grace. Because our desperation is meant to drive us to the one who hears us and offers grace . . . JESUS.
 - What thing(s) do we let get in the way of personally coming to Jesus?
 - Are you curious about Jesus (like the crowds), or desperate enough to reach out and touch Him?
 - When we call out to Jesus in need of some thing, He does not ignore that call, but calls out to us for something deeper, something more. He wants to bring wholeness to our inner lives, to our whole self. What is the need in your life beyond the need on the surface?
 - If your prayer life involves you praying for physical healing more than spiritual healing, then you have your priorities mixed up.
- ***Pray for those in need of Jesus' spiritual healing; ask if there is anything you can do for them.***