

“Jesus, Man of Action”

Mark 5:1-5:43

He took along the child's father and mother and His own companions, and entered the room where the child was.

And taking the child by the hand, He said to her, “Talitha kum!”

(which translated means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!”).

And immediately the girl rose and began to walk;

for she was twelve years old.

And immediately they were completely astounded.

Mark 5:40b-42, NAS

The Outline

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The Words

Gerasenes - Γερασηνός - the persons who live in or are natives of Gerasa, a city in Peraea, east of the Jordan. Note that these are also known as the Gadarenes. The area is known from the reference in Joshua 1:12-18, where Moses assigned it to the Reubenites, Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh.

Jesus, Son of the Most High God - Ἰησοῦ υἱὲ τοῦ θεοῦ τοῦ ὑψίστου - Notice the use of the *superlative* in this form of address.

Torment - βασανίζω - torment, disturb; toss about (of waves); strictly, *rub upon the touchstone* (βάσανος), a Lydian stone used to test the genuineness of metals; hence, *test or make proof of anything*; (1) of bodily disease: *torment, cause great pain*; pass. *be in great pain*

(Matthew 8:6); (2) passively, of birth pangs *suffer pain, be in anguish* (Revelation 12:2); (3) figuratively, of any severe distress: *afflict, torment, harass* (Matthew 8:29); (4) passively, of a boat in a storm: *be tossed or buffeted about* (Matthew 14:24).

Legion - λεγιών - legion, army; literally, a Roman military unit of about 6000 foot soldiers and 120 on horse, plus auxiliaries; figuratively, in the New Testament, as powerful supernatural forces, whether angels (Matthew 26:53) or demons. The masculine ὁ λεγιών is understood (1) as the name of a group of many demons: *Legion* (Mark 5:9); (2) as a descriptive designation for such a group: *legion* (Mark 5:15).

Decapolis - Δεκάπολις - Decapolis, a district lying mainly east of the Jordan River just south of the Sea of Galilee; originally a league of ten Hellenistic cities.

Synagogue Official - ἀρχισυνάγωγος - one who is the head of and who directs the affairs of a synagogue: *president of a synagogue, leader of a synagogue*. Example: “the president of the synagogue was angry that Jesus had healed (the woman) on a Sabbath” Luke 13:14.

Pressing In - συνθλίβω - to press in hard from all sides: *to press in, to crowd around*. This word is used of the pressing of grapes in making wine. Examples: “and they were crowding him from every side” Mark 5:24; “the crowds are pressing in from all sides and crowding against you” Luke 8:45.

Make Well - σώζω - save, preserve from harm, rescue; (1) of natural dangers and afflictions; (a) in relation to acute physical danger: *deliver, save, rescue* (Acts 27:20); (b) in relation to a stressful and threatening situation: *save, bring out safely* (John 12:27); (c) in relation to sickness and disease: *heal, cure, restore to health* (Matthew 9:21); (2) in relation to spiritual dangers and threat of eternal death; (a) *save, rescue from sin, bring to salvation* (Romans 5:9; Ephesians 2:8); (b) of human beings mediating the divine salvation (Romans 11:14; 1 Corinthians 7:16); (c) of the instrumentality of spiritual things, as God's Word, baptism, faith that lead to salvation: *save, deliver* (James 1:21; 2:14; 1 Peter 3:21).