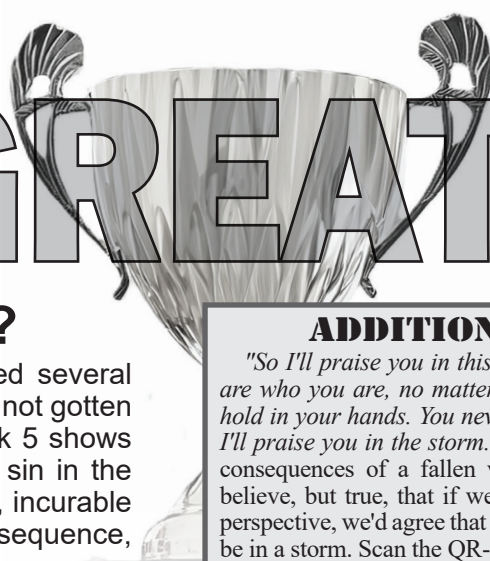


THE GREATEST



DO YOU NOT CARE?

Throughout our study Mark, has recorded several instances of Jesus healing people. We've not gotten much detail regarding those healed. Mark 5 shows Jesus' power to defeat the corruption of sin in the world—he's Greater than demonic forces, incurable physical illness, and sin's ultimate consequence, death.

Before stepping into chapter 5, Mark describes crossing the Sea of Galilee and the storm that arose while Jesus slept. The frightened disciples shook Jesus awake asking him, "*Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?*" (Mark 4:38).

They faced a literal storm. However, as we encounter various "storms" in life, it's easy to assume the Lord doesn't care. Their fear was legitimate and so is yours. Jesus asked, "*Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?*" (Mark 4:40). Jesus had exercised authority over Creation in a way only God had ever done before. That display caused them even more fear. As we step into chapter 5, Christ displays his greatness, but more importantly, his

MARK 5:21-24A, 35-36, 39-43

²¹ And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. 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." ²⁴ And he went with him...

³⁵ While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."

³⁹ And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³ And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

"So I'll praise you in this storm, and I will lift my hands, for you are who you are, no matter where I am. And every tear I cry, you hold in your hands. You never left my side, though my heart is torn, I'll praise you in the storm." Jesus is greater, and yet, we suffer the consequences of a fallen world every day. It's hard to believe, but true, that if we could see things from God's perspective, we'd agree that his plan is perfect. You might be in a storm. Scan the QR-code to praise him in it.



DISCUSSION

What do you think holds people back from boldly sharing their faith? How does that compare to the consequences of silence?

ICEBREAKER

1. Who did Jesus meet and what did he say? (22-23)

2. What news and advice did the man hear along the way? (35)

3. What did Jesus do and say? (36-41)

OBSERVATION

4. Describe the difference between the words of those from Jairus' house from that of Jesus? (35, 36)

INTERPRETATION

5. How might a consistent prayer life (seeking Jesus) impact how you interpret God's delays or denials?

APPLICATION

6. In addition to prayer, what other perspective-shaping tools does God give to see matters of life and death as he does?

Yes, we have hope in Christ. However, in the midst of recent tragedy, we must be careful not to weaponize theology or push people past hurt too quickly. Talk to your Coach today!

THE GREATEST

STUDY NOTES PASS ME NOT

“Pass me not, O gentle Savior, Hear my humble cry; While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by. Let me at Thy throne of mercy, find sweet relief; kneeling there in deep contrition, Help my unbelief. Savior, Savior, Hear my humble cry, While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.”



This hymn has echoed in churches for more than a century. The author of these words is one of the most prolific hymn writers in history, a lady named Fanny J. Crosby. Crosby's hymn writing didn't come from a life of ease. Rather, she lived blind from infancy and her hymn writing is said to have begun about five years after her one and only child died as a baby.

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior” rings in the hearts of many Christians as we petition the Lord. The full weight of these words hit me hard as I learned a little bit about the person that wrote them. She had a worship and prayer life we should envy. Many of us talk to God when we need help with tests we didn't study for, to win ballgames, or sometimes when tragedy strikes. It's good, right, and fair to cry out to the Lord for everything, but especially in desperation. However, it's better to seek him before desperation strikes so that you're ready when it inevitably does.

JESUS IS GREATER THAN DEATH

Jesus had healed another demon possessed man in one of the crazier demonic encounters that you should definitely check out in Mark 5:1-20. However, the circumstances caused the townspeople to really want him out of there. So, **Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side** of the Sea of Galilee. **A great crowd gathered about him beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name.**

Jesus had already encountered a lot of hostility from the religious leaders. However, this time was different. **Seeing him, Jairus fell at Jesus' feet 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.” And he went with him.**

While they were traveling, the crowd pushed in on Jesus and his companions. It's during this moment of concern and chaos that an ill woman pushed through to touch Jesus' garment and healed from a lifetime of blood. This scene from *The Chosen* was also depicted in music video for *Tear Off The Roof* that we linked in Week 3. Jesus stopped

rushing forward and had an intimate encounter with this woman who was healed by faith.

While he was still speaking to the woman, **there came from the ruler's house some who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?”** No parent can adequately express the wave of gut-wrenching agony those words must have brought. Death is a cruel champion with a near perfect record over the living—a reminder that the effect of sin still reigns in the world.

These circumstances call us back to the question the disciples asked in the boat, *“Do you not care?”* Jesus compassionately responded to the man, **“Do not fear, only believe.”** Jesus **entered** the house saying, **“Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.”** Mark described their skeptical derision that **they laughed at him.** They fully understood the finality of death.

Taking her by the hand Jesus **said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.”** **And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement.**

JESUS DOMINATED DEATH ITSELF

Healing passages may be tough for those suffering loss. They don't necessarily represent a promise of healing in this life. The sad reality is that there will be sick people in our lives, we will cry out *“Pass me not,”* and they will still die. Jesus, the Holy One of God, knows the pain of death. He experienced it. Then, he defeated it. Through him, we can defeat it too (1 Corinthians 15:55).

In the moment that Jesus healed this little girl, **he strictly charged them that no one should know this.** Why did Jesus tell them to stay silent? The best explanation is probably that Jesus' time had not yet come for these things to be revealed. They're recorded for eternity so that we might know about them, but Jesus didn't want the people to try to make him king by force, which they actually tried to do at one point (John 6:15).

Here's the good news, *you* can tell everyone about it! In fact, the message of the first Christians was that Jesus died, resurrected, and by grace through faith in Christ alone, we can live eternally with him. In light of eternal life, though we will suffer in this life, it will pale in comparison to the hope we have in him (Romans 8:18). We do not grieve as those who have no hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13). Instead, we should tell the world they can have hope too.