

Understand your Bible

Suggested notes

Mark 5

What we will see in this chapter:

- Jesus shows power over illnesses and death.
- He encourages people to believe he can help them

1 Read the chapter

2 Questions to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes.

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Suggested notes
1 to 8	1. Who did Jesus meet in the country of the Gadarenes and what are we told about him?	He met a man who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ had an unclean spirit ➤ lived in the tombs and was self-harming, wild and uncontrollable ➤ bowed down to Jesus and didn't want to be tormented by him ➤ recognised that Jesus was God's son
9 and 10	2. What did the man say to Jesus?	He said: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ his name was Legion, he had many [demons] ➤ he didn't want them sent out of the country
11 to 13	3. What happened to the herd of pigs? <i>Text note: Section 4 looks at more verses about demons.</i>	They all ran down a steep bank into the sea and were drowned after Jesus gave the demons permission to go into them.
14 to 17	4. How did the people react and how is the healed man described?	The pig keepers fled and the people were afraid and begged Jesus to leave their area. The man is described as sitting, clothed and in his right mind.
18 to 20	5. What did Jesus tell the healed man to do?	Jesus told him to go home and tell his friends what God had done for him.
21 to 24	6. Who fell at Jesus' feet and what did he say to him?	Jairus, one of the rulers of the synagogue fell at his feet. He told Jesus about his dying daughter and wanted Jesus to lay his hands on her to make her better.
25 to 29	7. Who then came to Jesus and what did she think?	A woman who had suffered a blood discharge for 12 years. She thought that if she touched Jesus' clothes she would be healed.

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30 to 34	8. What did Jesus realise and ask, and what then happened?	He realised power had gone from him and asked who touched his clothes. The woman made herself known and Jesus told her that her faith had made her well and she could go in peace.
35 & 36	9. What message did the synagogue ruler receive and what was Jesus' response?	He was told his daughter had died. Jesus told him not to be afraid, but believe.
37 to 43	10. What did Jesus do then?	Jesus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ took just three disciples with him to the ruler's house ➤ dismissed the mourners ➤ said that the child was only asleep ➤ took her by the hand and raised her from the dead

3 Related theme v 41 and 42: *Jesus can raise people from the dead.*

Make a note of the main point(s) in these verses which show that Jesus can and will raise the dead.

Verses	Main point(s)
Luke 7 v 14 and 15	Jesus raised a young man who was in his coffin.
Luke 8 v 54 and 55	He raised a young girl.
John 11 v 43 and 44	He raised Lazarus who was in his tomb wrapped in grave clothes.
John 5 v 26 to 29	God has given Jesus authority to judge those whom he will raise.
John 6 v 39 and 40	It is God's will that Jesus will raise and give eternal life to those who believe in Jesus.
John 17 v 2 and 3	Jesus has God's authority to give eternal life to those who know God and Jesus Christ.

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4 Bible verses about demons

Have a look at these verses which mention demons and make a note of the main point(s) in the verses.

(Note the King James Version uses the word "devil" in these passages. The original Greek word is "daimonion" and is translated demons in most versions.

Bible verse	Suggested notes
Matthew 4 v 24	Demon possessed people are healed in the same way as those with every other illness.
Matthew 9 v 32	A dumb man is said to be demon possessed.
Mark 5 v 15	When a demon possessed man is cured, he is described as being in his right mind.
Luke 7 v 33	John the Baptist's unusual habit of not eating bread or drinking wine is referred to as having a demon.
John 7 v 20	Jesus Christ is accused of having a demon when he accuses the Jews of wanting to kill him.
John 8 v 52	Jesus Christ is accused of having a demon when he says things that they think are impossible.
John 10 v 20	Insanity is thought to be caused by a demon.