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Chapter 5. So they arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes. Verse 2. When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from a cemetery to meet him. Verse 3. This man lived among the burial caves and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain.



Verse 4. Whenever he was put into chains and shackles -- as he often was -- he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him. Verse 5. Day and night he wandered among the burial caves and in the hills, howling and cutting himself with sharp stones.

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Verse 6. When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him. Verse 7. With a shriek, he screamed, "Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don't torture me!"



Verse 8. For Jesus had already said to the spirit, "Come out of the man, you evil spirit." Verse 9. Then Jesus demanded, "What is you name?" And he replied, "My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man." Verse 10. Then the evil spirits begged him again and again not to send them to some distant place.



Verse 11. There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby. Verse 12. "Send us into those pigs," the spirits begged. "Let us enter them." Verse 13. So Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd of 2,000 pigs plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water. NLT



Verse 14. The herdsmen fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. People rushed out to see what had happened. Verse 15. A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid. NLT



Verse 16. Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demonpossessed man and the pigs. Verse 17. And the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone. Verse 18. As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. NLT



Verse 19. But Jesus said, "No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been." Verse 20. So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.

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Verse 21. Jesus got into the boat again and went back to the other side of the lake, where a large crowd gathered around him on the shore. Verse 22. Then a leader of the local synagogue, whose name was Jairus, arrived. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet, Verse 23. pleading fervently with him. "My little daughter is dying," he said. NLT



"Please come and lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live." Verse 24. Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him. Verse 25. A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. Verse 26. She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years NLT



she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse. Verse 27. She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. Verse 28. For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed."



Verse 29. Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition. Verse 30. Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?" Verse 31. His disciples said to him, "Look at this crowd pressing around you. NLT



How can you ask, 'Who touched me?'" Verse 32. But he kept on looking around to see who had done it. Verse 33. Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and told him what she had done. NLT



Verse 34. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over." Verse 35. While he was still speaking to her, messengers arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. They told him, "Your daughter is dead. There's no use troubling the Teacher now."

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Verse 36. But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just have faith."Verse 37. Then Jesus stopped the crowd and wouldn't let anyone go with him except85Peter, James, and John (the brother of James).NLT



Verse 38. When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw much commotion and weeping and wailing. Verse 39. He went inside and asked, "Why all this commotion and weeping? The child isn't dead; she's only asleep." NLT



Verse 40. The crowd laughed at him. But he made them all leave, and he took the girl's father and mother and his three disciples into the room where the girl was lying. Verse 41. Holding her hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means "Little girl, get up!" NLT



88 Verse 42. And the girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up and walked around! They were overwhelmed and totally amazed. Verse 43. Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell anyone what had happened, and then he told them to give her something to eat.