

# LESSON FOUR | MARK 4:35-5:43

## SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### WELCOME

*What scares you?*  
2–3 mins.

### DRILL TIME

*Jesus and Satan*  
3–5 mins.

### W.O.W!

*Bible*  
3–5 mins.

### HISTORICAL CONTEXT

*Timeline*  
2–3 mins.

### BIBLE INVESTIGATION

*Mark 4:35-5:43*  
20–30 mins.

### LESSON-AT-HOME

*Hebrews 11:6a*  
3–5 mins.

## OVERVIEW

Mark 4 ends with the dramatic calming of the storm on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus shows His disciples that He has complete power and authority over nature. More importantly, Jesus rebukes the disciples for their fear which keeps them from faith in God. They still do not grasp who Jesus is!

Mark 5 opens with Jesus traveling across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. He is met by a naked, uncontrollable demon-possessed man. As Jesus casts the evil spirits out of him, they beg to be sent into a herd of pigs. The pigs are drowned due to this demonic invasion, causing the people in the region to be afraid of Jesus. In contrast, the once demon-possessed man puts his faith in Jesus and becomes his witness.

Large crowds continue to surround Jesus in Chapter Five. A man named Jairus begs Jesus to come to his home and heal his dying daughter. On the way to Jairus' house, a woman with a severe disease touches Jesus with faith, and is healed. Jesus makes a point to teach His disciples that this was a woman of great faith. Before Jesus makes it to Jairus' house, He is told that the girl has died. Jesus encourages Jairus to maintain his faith, then raises the girl from the dead. Crowds continue to be amazed at these miracles!

## PREPARATION

Read and meditate on Mark 4-5 this week. **Use flannelgraph figures or other pictures to illustrate the lesson.**

## TEACHING ENCOURAGEMENT

The word “faith” is so misused by our society. It has been watered-down to simply mean believing really hard for something. Faith that has any effect must be connected to God and His promises! So, resist the temptation to just teach that you “gotta have faith.” Instead, show how faith is only true faith if it is connected to Jesus Christ. He is the faithful one who we can have faith in. And, teach the children how their faith is a gift of God's grace. He shows us His power and grace which develops true faith in Him. Continue to pray that we will raise a generation of children who are faithfilled followers of Christ!



## WELCOME

**Greet the students. Welcome visitors.**

**Say:** *What things scare you? Allow answers. Some people are afraid of snakes, others are afraid of the dark, and still others are afraid of being alone. Many people are afraid of pain, and many more are afraid of dying!*

*What do you do when you are afraid? Allow answers. We tend to run away from the things we are afraid of. And, unfortunately, we tend to deal with our fears by ourselves. But Jesus has the best answer to all our fears. We'll learn that answer today!*



## DRILL TIME

*Now let's move on to DRILL TIME. This is our weekly opportunity to review what we have learned in the past. Are you ready?*

**Today's questions:** *How long was Jesus in the desert, being tempted by Satan? How did Jesus defeat Satan in the desert? What does the name "Satan" mean? What are some other names for Satan? Why did the religious leaders accuse Jesus of being possessed by Satan?*

**Call on volunteers or select students to make attempts.**

**Answers:**

1. 40 days.
2. By standing on God's Word and resisting all of Satan's schemes.
3. Adversary.
4. Beelzebub; Belial; the Devil; The Accuser; The Deceiver.
5. Because Jesus was casting out evil spirits.

**Say:** *Jesus clearly demonstrated His power over Satan and his evil spirits. Jesus has that power and authority because He is the Son of God. To deny that Jesus is the Son of God is the worst sin!*



Our W.O.W! (Word of the Week) this week is a familiar, yet very important word to all Christians. It is the word **FAITH**. Write the word on the board. What is FAITH? Allow answers.

*FAITH is complete trust and confidence. Who is the only one we can put our complete trust and confidence in? [God.]*

*FAITH in God is taking God at His Word. It is believing His promises. It is totally depending on Him for His grace and love.*

*FAITH is grounded in what is true. God is FAITHFUL, so we can put our FAITH in Him. Whatever God promises to do He will do, so it makes total sense to put our FAITH in Him.*

*In many situations, we can either fear our circumstances or put our FAITH in God. Fear of man or situations is the opposite of FAITH in God. We can be confident that God always loves and cares for His people.*

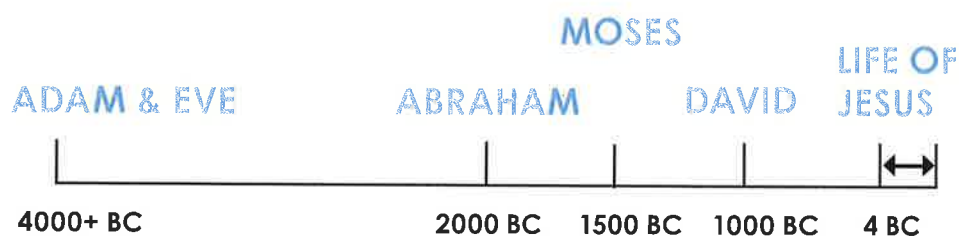
*Watch for Jesus' teaching on FAITH in our lesson today. We will meet people with FAITH and without FAITH!*



## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

**Draw this timeline on the board, if necessary. It is helpful to remind the students of historical context.**

### This Week's Timeline





**Introduction:** *Last time, we read several of Jesus' parables. Jesus used these parables to teach His disciples about the kingdom of God. Only those who put their faith in Jesus could understand His parables. Those who rejected Jesus, thinking He was crazy or demon-possessed, were far from the kingdom of heaven.*

*Let's begin our reading for today. **Read Mark 4:35-37.***

<sup>35</sup> On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup> And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup> And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling.

**Discussion:** *Where is Jesus going now? [To the other side of the Sea of Galilee.] How are He and His disciples getting there? [On a boat.] But a furious storm comes up that is threatening to swamp the little boat. What will happen next?*

*Let's see. **Read verses 38-39.***

<sup>38</sup> But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup> And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

**Discussion:** *Wow! Isn't that amazing? Jesus demonstrates that He has authority and power over nature. He can command the wind and the waves to be quiet, and everything became calm. How can He do that? [Because He is the Son of God.] Jesus could sleep through the storm and then calm the storm because He is the God of the universe. He is in control of all things.*

*Listen to what He says to His disciples. **Read verses 40-41.***

<sup>40</sup> He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup> And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

**Discussion:** *Did you hear our Word of the Week? Who has no FAITH? [The disciples.] They were so fearful of their circumstances that they had no confidence in God's ability to save them. Fear cancels out FAITH!*





**Application:** *Remember all of those things that you and I are tempted to be afraid of. How do we deal with our fears? The only way to overcome fear is to put our FAITH in Jesus. Our fear wants to put our FAITH in other things or other people or ourselves. Putting our FAITH in Jesus brings peace as we know that He will do all that He has promised to do. The disciples do not yet truly know and believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God.*

*Let's go on to the next chapter. Read Mark 5:1-5.*

<sup>1</sup> They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup> And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. <sup>3</sup> He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, <sup>4</sup> for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. <sup>5</sup> Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones.

**Discussion:** *Why is this man so hard to control? [He is possessed by evil spirits.] Satan has given this man a confused mind and superhuman strength. Can Jesus do anything for this man?*

*Let's see. Read verses 6-13.*

<sup>6</sup> And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. <sup>7</sup> And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." <sup>8</sup> For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" <sup>9</sup> And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." <sup>10</sup> And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. <sup>11</sup> Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, <sup>12</sup> and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." <sup>13</sup> So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

**Discussion:** *How did Jesus remove the evil spirits from this man? [He just commanded them to come out.] Jesus has absolute authority over Satan and his evil spirits, as we have already learned. Did you notice how the evil spirits had to ask permission of Jesus to enter into the pigs? Even the pigs didn't want to be demon-possessed!*



**Application:** *Always remember that, even though Satan is our powerful enemy, he is not stronger than Jesus. It should comfort you to remember that Satan must submit to God!*

*Listen to what happens next. Read verses 14-17.*

<sup>14</sup> The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. <sup>15</sup> And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup> And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. <sup>17</sup> And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region.

**Discussion:** *Why did the people beg Jesus to leave their region? [They were afraid of Him.] Jesus had just done an amazing miracle, causing this man to have his right mind again. Why would people be afraid of Jesus? Do you see how fear keeps us from FAITH in Jesus? They should have put their FAITH in Jesus, but instead they were afraid of His power. How sad.*

*Listen to the end of the story. Read verses 18-20.*

<sup>18</sup> As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. <sup>19</sup> And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." <sup>20</sup> And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

**Discussion:** *Who has put his FAITH in Jesus? That's right, the man who was once demon-possessed. While the people of the region acted in fear, this man put his FAITH in God. He even wanted to travel with Jesus. What did Jesus have him do instead? [Go home and tell his family what the Lord had done.] Jesus had turned this man into one of His witnesses. This man was telling others what Jesus had done for him. That's exactly what Jesus calls you to do after He saves you. He calls you to tell others about how good God is!*

*Let's move on. Read verses 21-24.*

<sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> Then



came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet <sup>23</sup> 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.” <sup>24</sup> And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him.

**Discussion:** *More large crowds around Jesus. One of the crowd, a man named Jairus, had an urgent problem. What was it? [His little daughter was dying.] What did Jairus want Jesus to do? [To come with him and heal her.] So Jesus went.*

*Listen to what happens on the way. Read verses 25-34.*

<sup>25</sup> And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, <sup>26</sup> and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. <sup>28</sup> For she said, “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup> And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup> And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?” <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” <sup>32</sup> And he looked around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

**Discussion:** *Wow! This woman just touched Jesus and was healed of her great suffering. But, if you were listening carefully, she did more than reach out and touch Jesus. She put her FAITH in Jesus. She believed that Jesus could heal her when so many doctors had failed her. There were lots of people touching Jesus as He moved through the crowds. This woman touched with FAITH, and thereby enjoyed the mercy of God in her life!*

*Now on to Jairus’ house. Read verses 35-36.*

<sup>35</sup> 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?” <sup>36</sup> But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.”



**Discussion:** *The poor girl had died! Does that mean that Jesus can't heal her now? No! And did you notice that Jesus told Jairus that the opposite of fear is FAITH? He told Jairus to put away his fear and have FAITH in God instead.*

*Let's read the end of the story. **Read verses 37-43.***

<sup>37</sup> And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." <sup>40</sup> 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. <sup>41</sup> Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." <sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup> And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

**Conclusion:** *What an amazing miracle! Jesus raised this young girl from the dead. Did the people in the home think Jesus could heal this girl? [No.] They actually laughed at Jesus! This isn't FAITH—it's total doubt. They didn't believe Jesus had authority over life and death. Do you?*

*At the end of the chapter, we still see that Jesus has not fully revealed Himself as Savior. Yet, you can put your FAITH in Jesus as your Savior right now. He brings the dead to life so He can bring your dead soul to life too!*





## LESSON-AT-HOME

**Distribute the “Lesson-At-Home” bookmarks. Read the Scripture Memory verse (Hebrews 11:6a) together.**

**Hebrews 11:6a (ESV)**

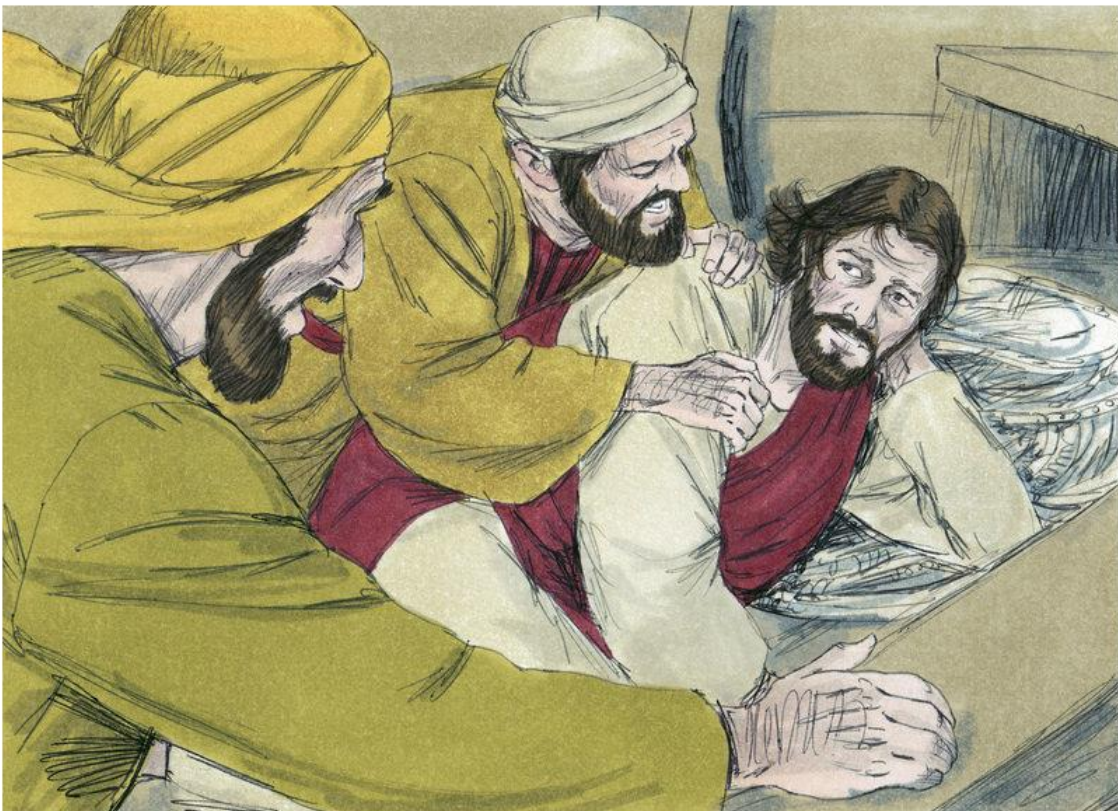
<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please him [God]...

**Say:** *This is a short, but very important verse. Without FAITH it is impossible to please God because faith believes in God and in all of His promises! We need to put our FAITH in Jesus to be saved, and we must continue to put our FAITH in Jesus to grow in grace. Without FAITH in Christ, we are simply worshipping ourselves instead of the one true God.*

**Review the verse a couple of times.**

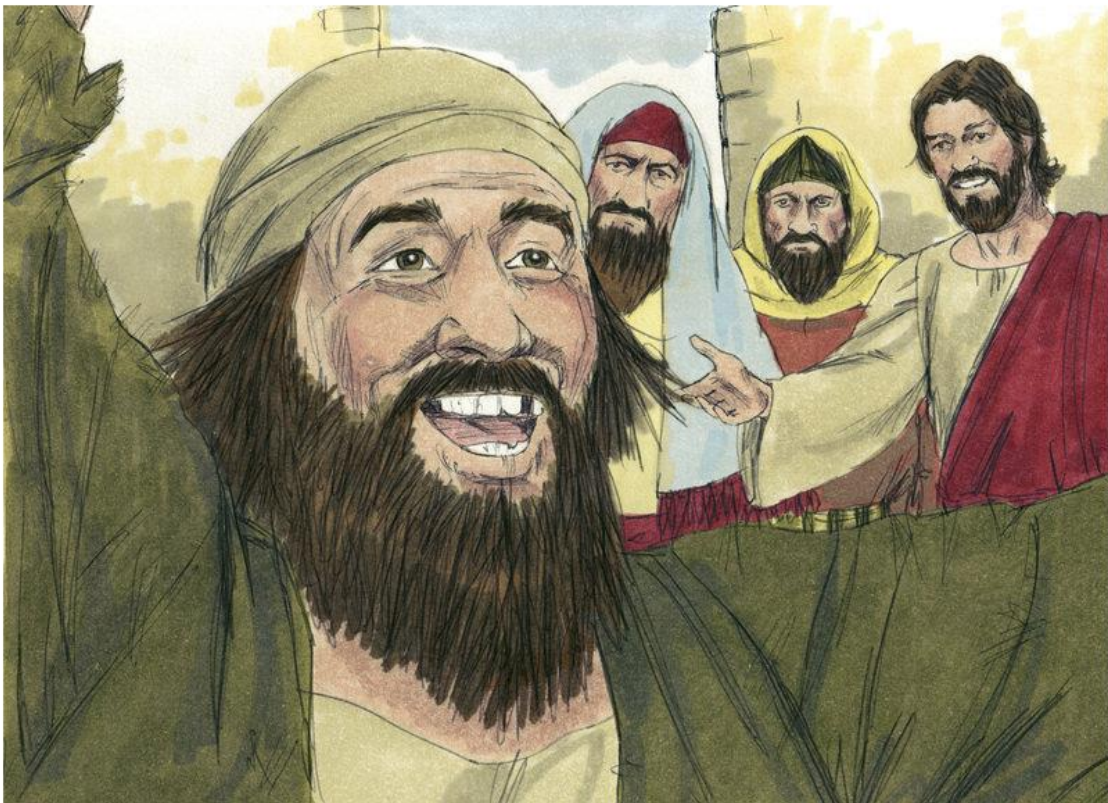
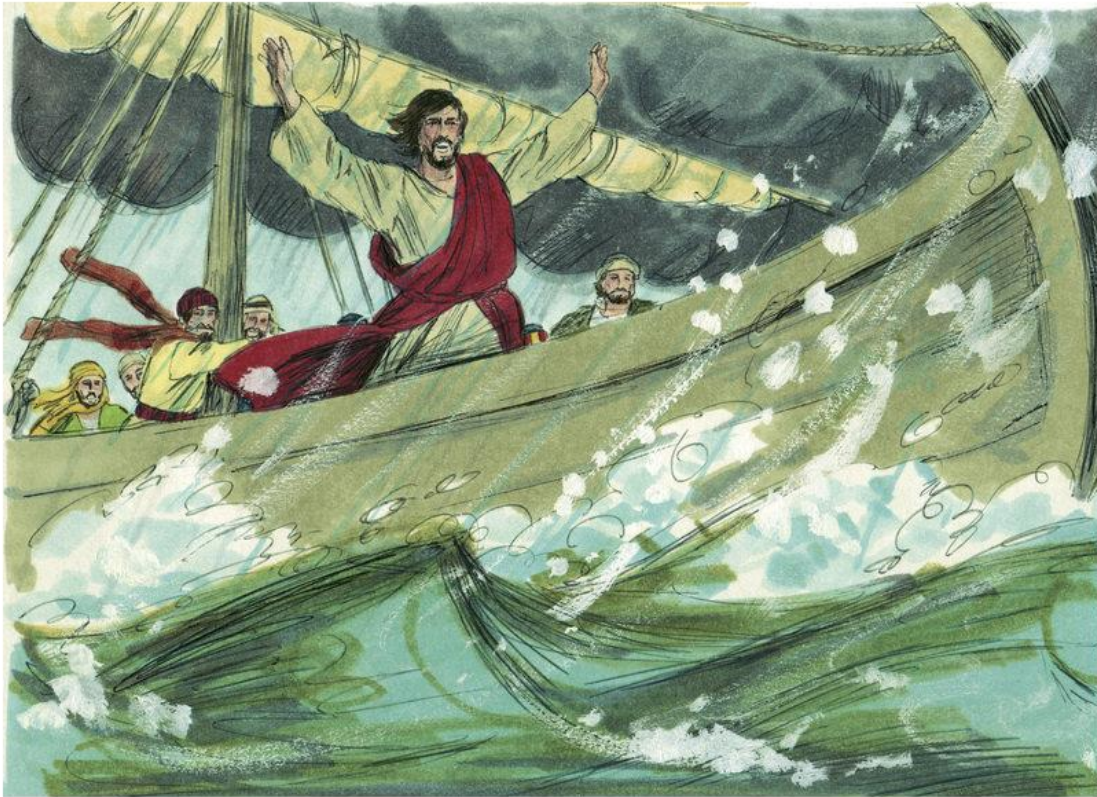
**Direct the students’ attentions to the bottom half of the bookmark. It includes reminder points of today’s lesson that can be discussed with their parents and reviewed during the week.**

**Close in prayer and dismiss the students.**



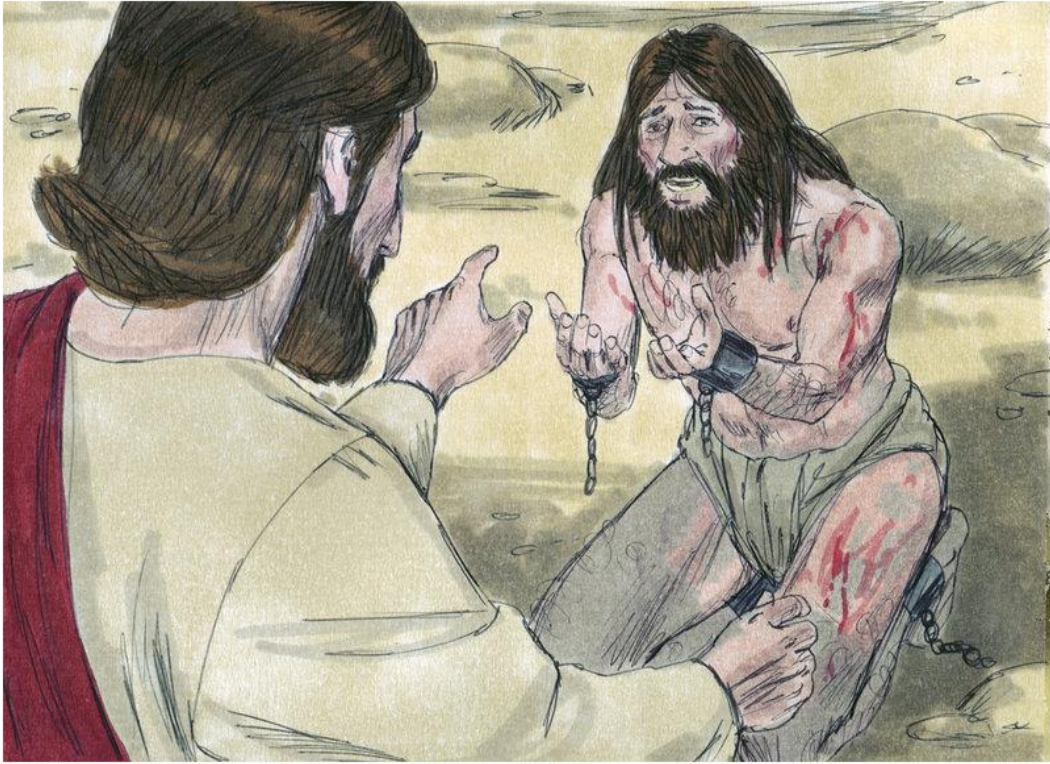


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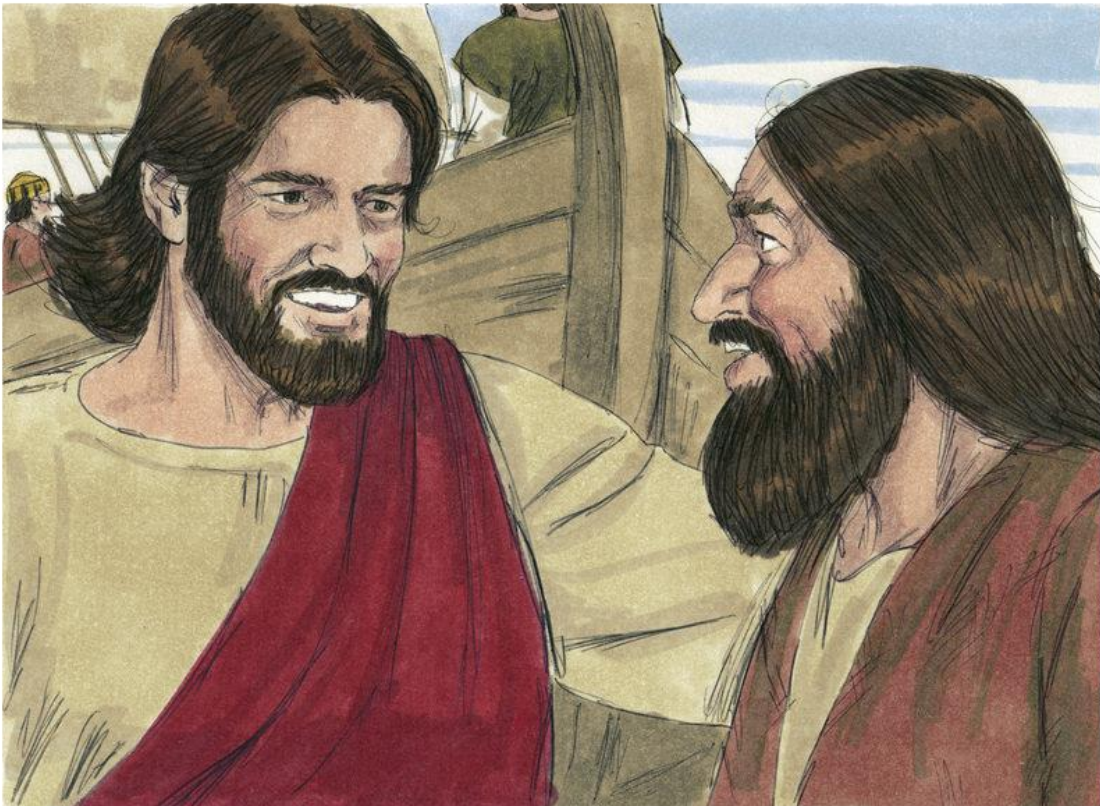




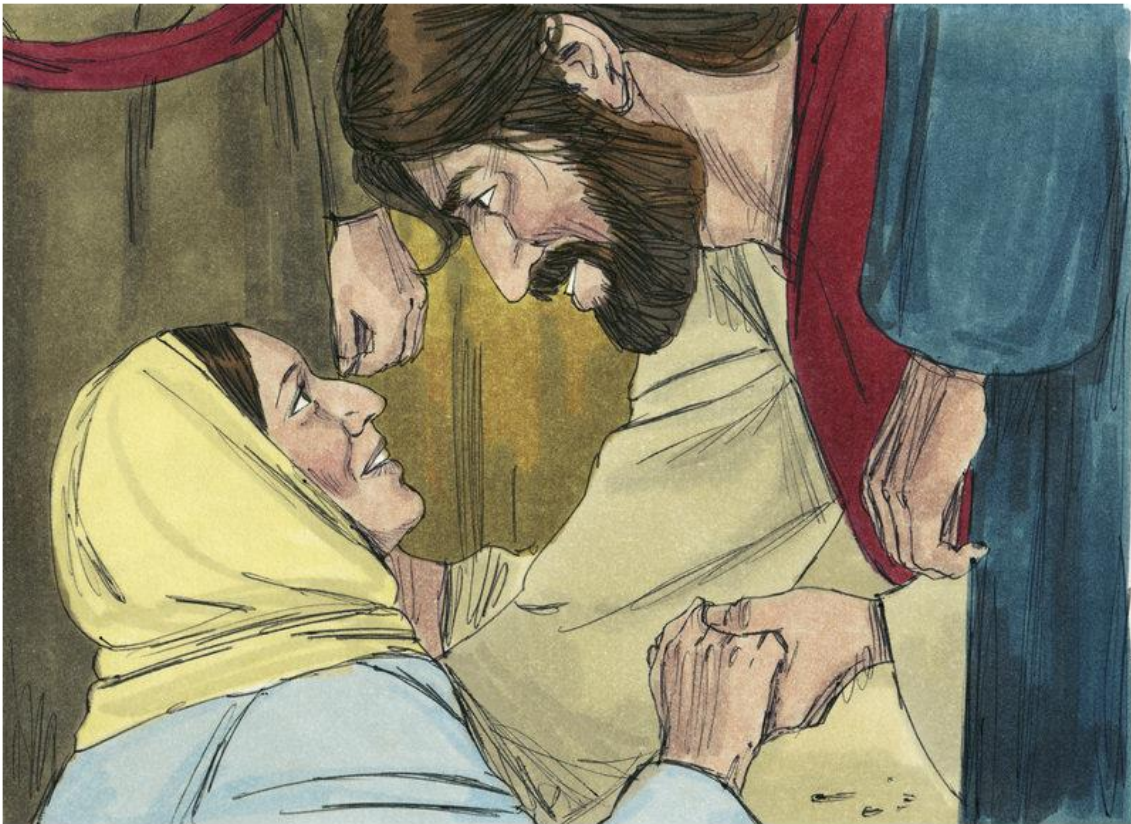
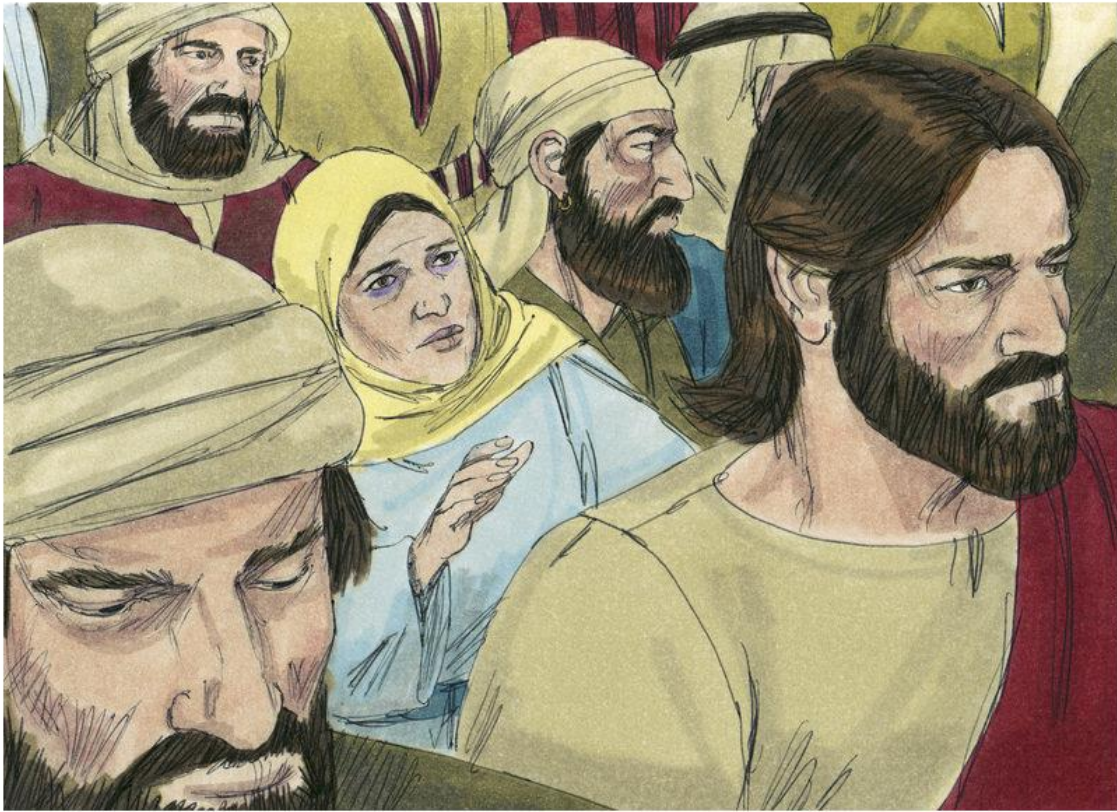
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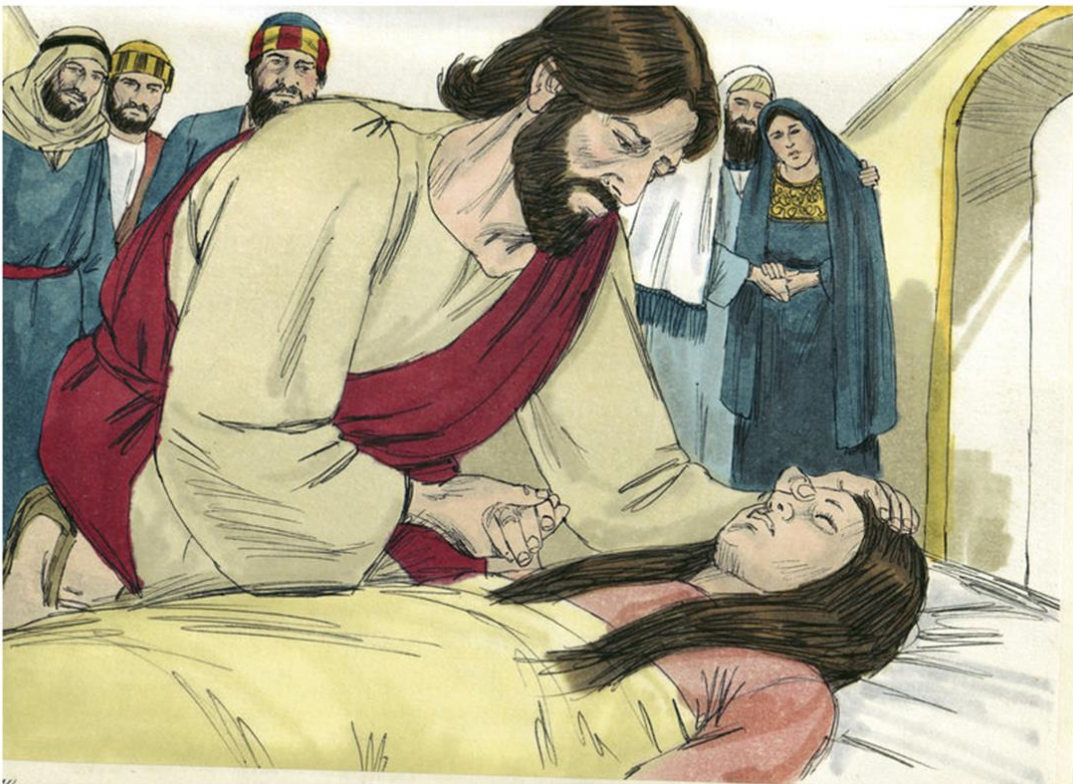
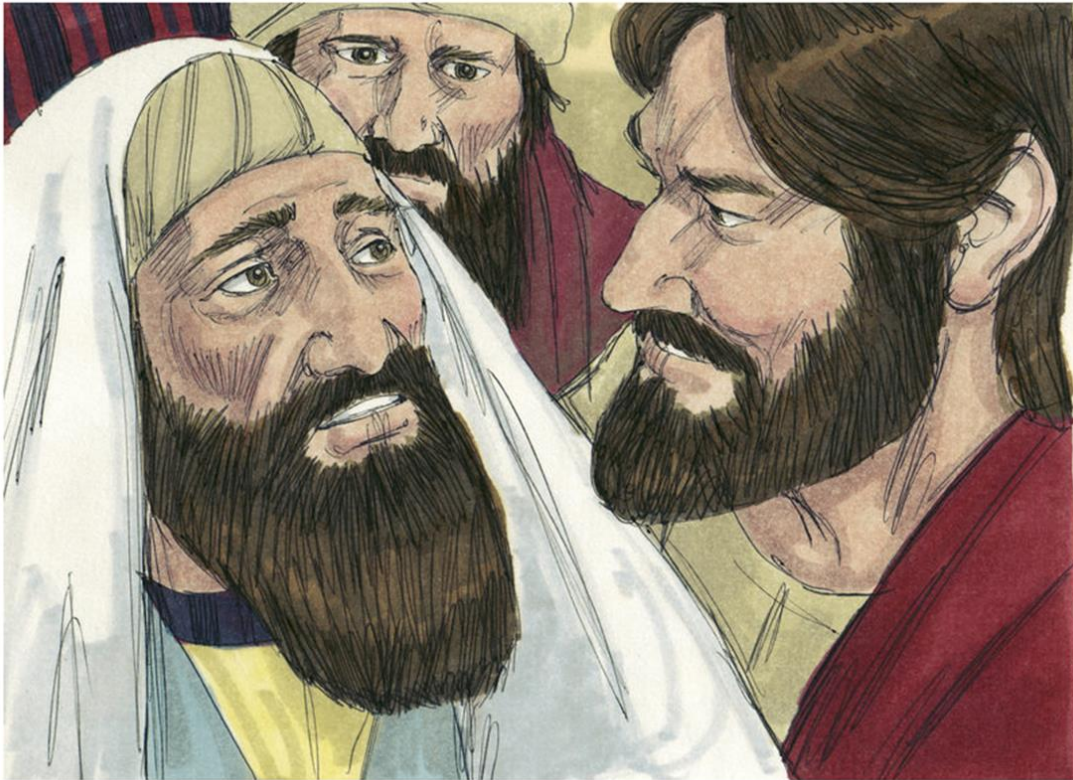
















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