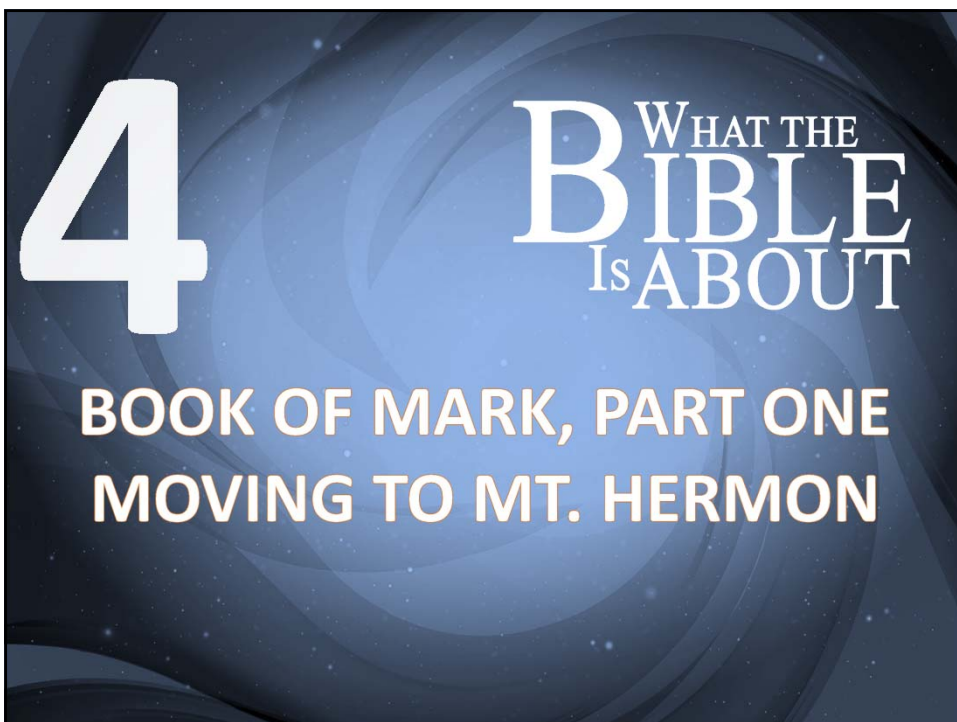


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**BOOK OF MARK, PART ONE
MOVING TO MT. HERMON**



Okay, but what IS the Gospel?

¹ Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

² By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

³ For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

⁴ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

"The gospel is
**neither a discussion
nor a debate.**

"It is an **announcement!**"

Dr. Paul S. Rees

The synoptic gospels

- Matthew, Mark and Luke are Synoptic Gospels.
- “Synoptic” means “summary”. It comes from a Greek word meaning “seeing the whole together.”
- The three gospels include much of the same content, often in a similar sequence and in similar wording.
- All three belong to the genre of biography, covering:
 - Jesus’ teachings
 - His origins, ministry and miracles
 - His passion and resurrection
- John, a theological gospel, has comparatively distinct content.

Why Four Gospels?

Writer’s Perspective

- Developing interest:
 1. What He did (Mark)
 2. What He said (Matthew, Luke)
 3. What He was (John)
- Differing insights:
 1. King of the Jews (Matthew)
 2. Son of man (Mark)
 3. Saviour of the world (Luke)
 4. Son of God (John)

Why Four Gospels?

Reader's Perspective

- Written for believers:
 - Matthew (younger; new Christians, converts)
 - John (older; mature Christians)
- Written for non-believers:
 - Mark wrote for Romans
 - Luke wrote for Greeks

The Gospel of Mark

- Mark announces the Gospel in his very first words.
- The emphasis in this gospel is on *action* as Jesus moves from place to place meeting people's physical and spiritual needs.
- One of Mark's favourite words is "straightway," meaning "immediately." He uses it forty-one times.
- Mark does not record many of our Lord's sermons because his emphasis is on what Jesus did rather than what Jesus said.
- Mark wrote for Romans on the theme *Jesus Christ the Servant*. He reveals Jesus as God's servant, sent to minister to suffering people and to die for the sins of the world.
- Mark does not mention the Lord's birth or genealogy, because he writes of Jesus as God's suffering servant.

The Other 3 Gospels

- Matthew wrote to the **Jews**, so he opens with genealogy to prove that Jesus Christ is heir to David's throne.
- Luke focused on the ministry of the **Son of Man**, so the early chapters record the Saviour's birth. Christ's humanity is emphasized so that **Greek readers** identify with the babe who grew up to be the perfect Man.
- John wrote to prove to **the whole world** that Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the **Son of God** (John 20:31), so his gospel begins with a statement about eternity! The *subject* of John's gospel is the deity of Christ, but the *object* of his gospel is to encourage his readers to believe on this Savior and receive the gift of eternal life.

The Four Gospels

- 1. Matthew** (The Messiah, written to the Jew)
The Promised One is here; see His Credentials.
- 2. Mark** (Servant, written to the Roman)
This is how He worked; see His Power.
- 3. Luke** (Son of Man, written to Greek)
This what He was like; see His Nature.
- 4. John** (Son of God, written to Christian)
This is who He really was; see His Godship.

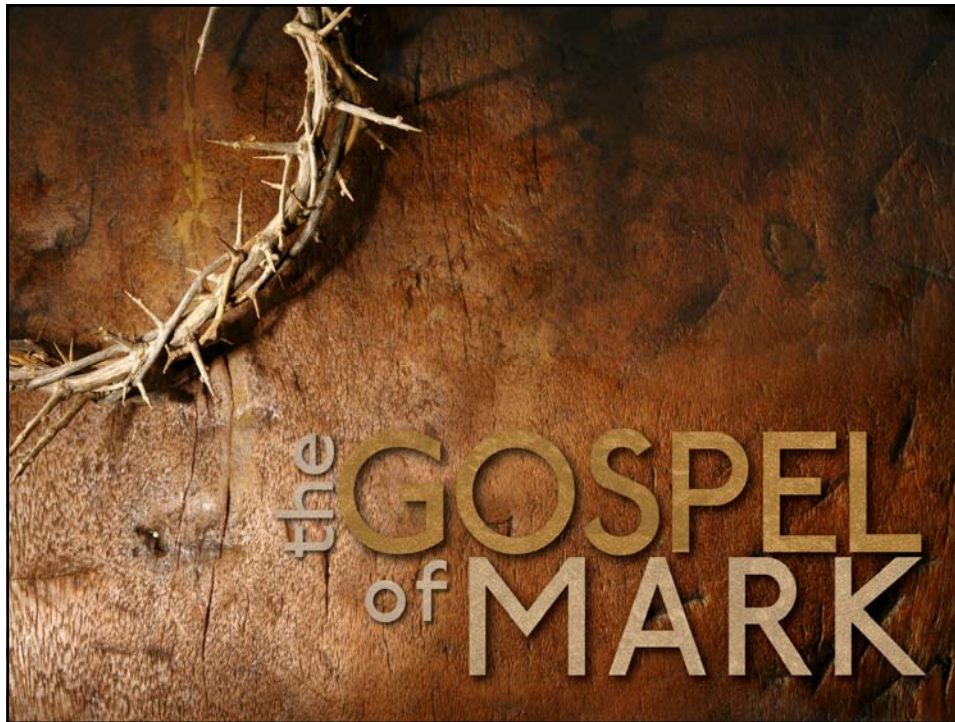
Design of the Gospels

	2 nd matthew Jesus as King a tax collector written A.D. 40-140	1 st mark Jesus as Servant a missionary written A.D. 55-70	3 rd luke Jesus as Man a doctor written A.D. 62	4 th john Jesus as God a fisherman written A.D. 80-90
Presents as:	MESSIAH	SERVANT	SON OF MAN	SON OF GOD
Genealogy:	Abraham (legal line)	–	Adam (Blood line)	Eternal (Preexistence)
What Jesus:	Said	Did	Felt	Was
Written to:	Jew	Roman	Greek	Believers (all)
1st Miracle:	Leper cleansed (leprosy = sin)	Demon expelled	Demon expelled	Water to wine
Emphasis:	Credentials	Servanthood	Compassion	Jesus' Deity
Ends with:	Resurrection	Ascension	Promise of Spirit (see Acts)	Promise of return (see Revelation)

Key Verse in the book of Mark

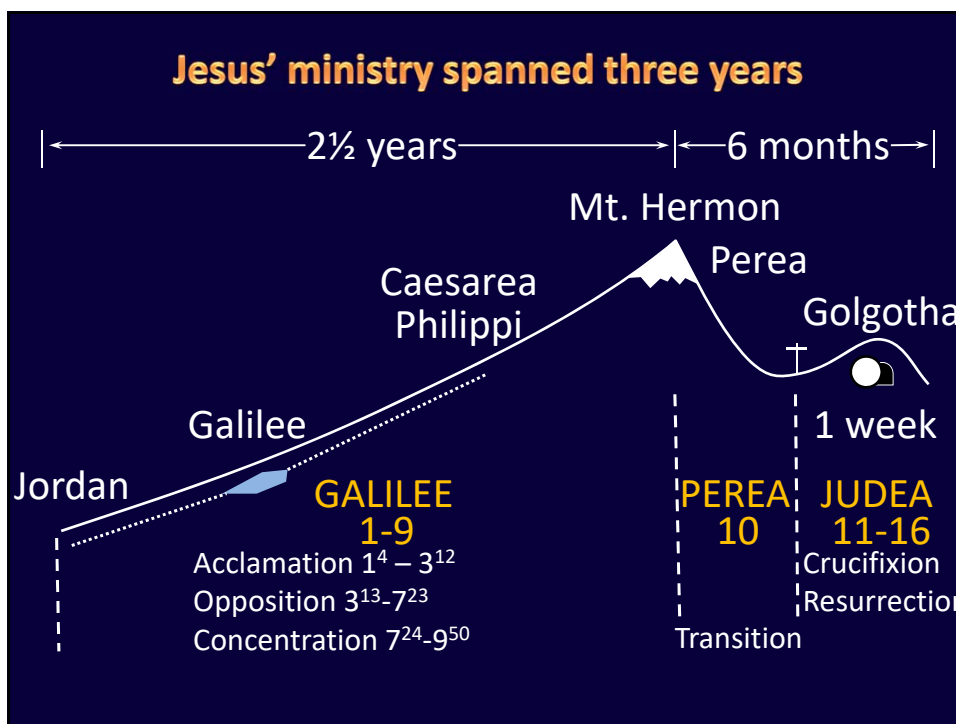
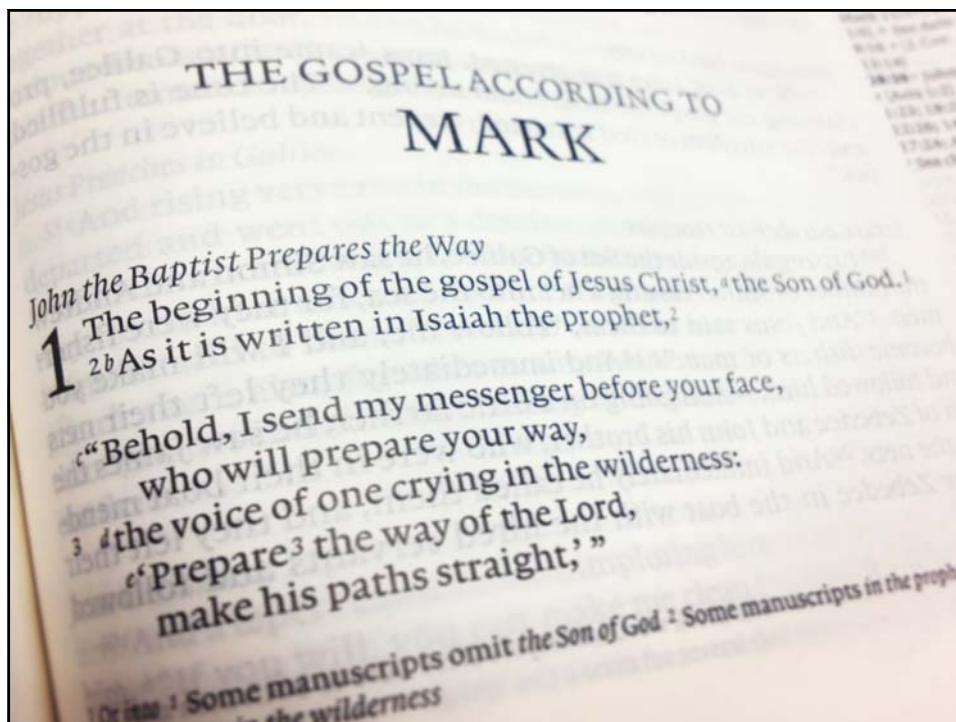
"For even the Son of man came
not to be ministered unto,
 but to minister, and to
give his life
a ransom for many."

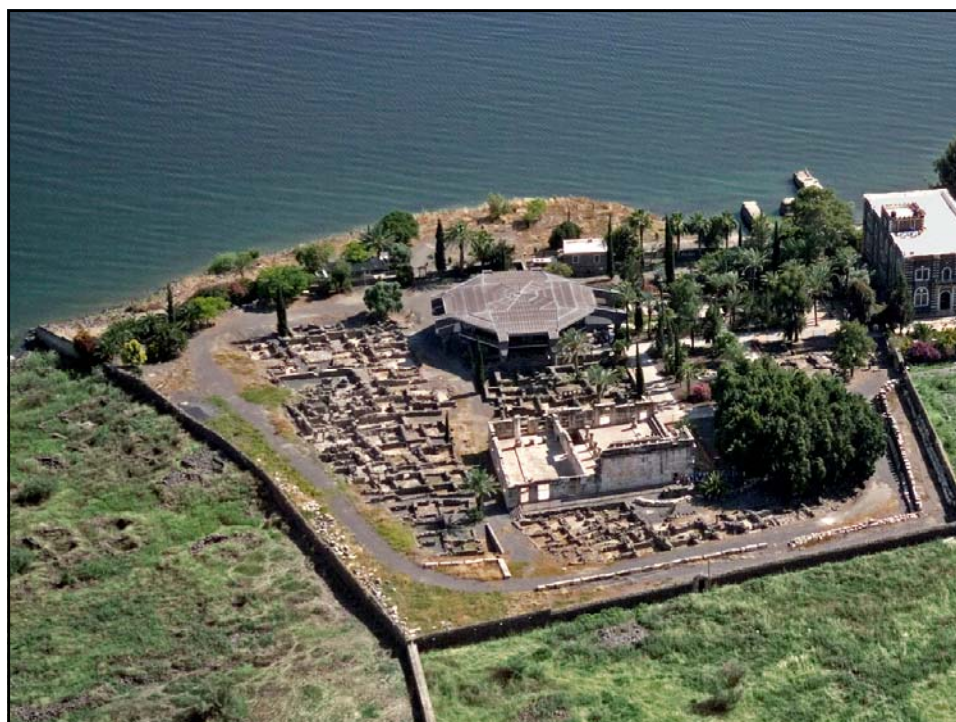
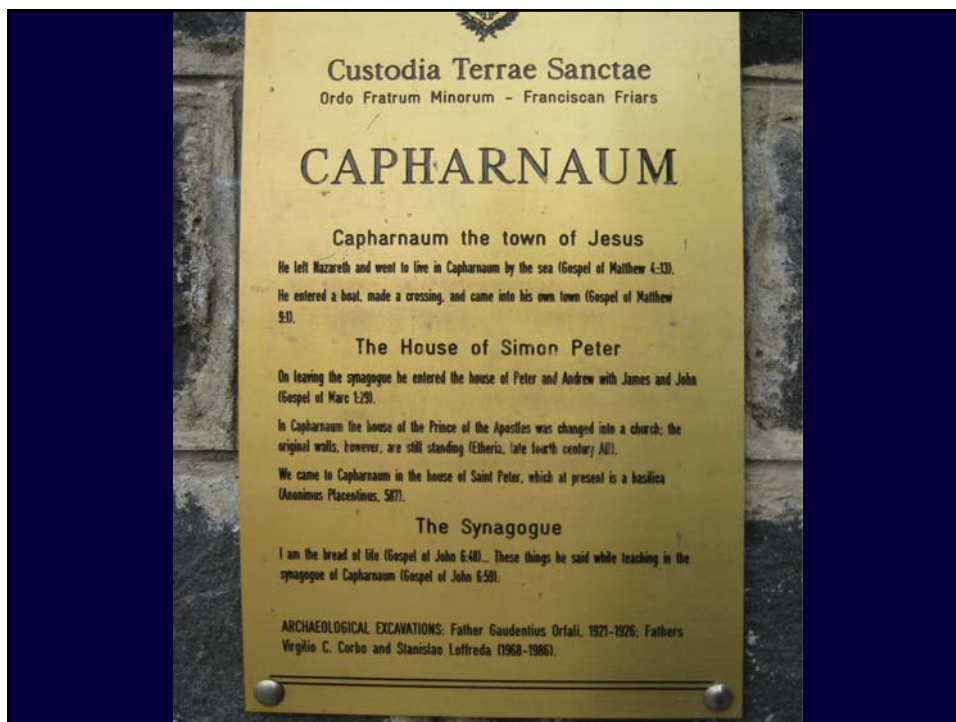
Mark 10:45



Jesus' miracles comprise ~20% of the book of Mark

Miracles	Verse	Location
The demoniac in a synagogue	1:23-28	Capernaum
Healing Peter's mother-in-law	1:29-31	Bethsaida
Healing the leper	1:40-45	Gennesaret
Healing the man sick of the palsy	2:1-12	Capernaum
Healing the man with the withered hand	3:1-5	Capernaum
Stilling the storm	4:35-41	Sea of Galilee
The legion of devils entering the swine	5:1-16	Gadara
Healing of Jairus' daughter	5:21-43	Capernaum
Healing the woman with an issue of blood	5:25-34	Gennesaret
Feeding the five thousand	6:32-44	Bethsaida (Julias)
Walking on the sea	6:45-52	Sea of Galilee
Healing the daughter of the Syrophenician	7:24-30	Tyre
The deaf and dumb man healed	7:31-37	Decapolis
Feeding the four thousand	8:1-9	Gennesaret (?)
A blind man healed	8:22-26	Bethsaida
Healing the demoniac child	9:14-27	Mount Tabor (?)
Healing the blind Bartimaeus	10:46-52	Jericho
Cursing the fig tree	11:12-14	Mount of Olives









Mark 4 – The Kingdom Parables

¹ And again He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat in it on the sea; and the whole multitude was on the land facing the sea.

² Then He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in His teaching: ³ "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. ⁴ And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it.

⁵ Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. ⁶ But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away.

⁷ And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop.

⁸ But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

⁹ And He said to them, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"





¹⁰ But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable. ¹¹ And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, ¹² so that 'Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand; Lest they should turn, And their sins be forgiven them.' "

¹³ And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?"

¹⁴ The sower sows the word.

¹⁵ And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.

¹⁶ These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; ¹⁷ and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble.

¹⁸ Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, ¹⁹ and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

²⁰ But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

²¹ Also He said to them, "Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand? ²² For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light.

²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

²⁴ Then He said to them, "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given.

²⁵ For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him."

The Mystery of the Harvest

²⁶ And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. ²⁸ For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head.

²⁹ But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³⁰ Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it?

³¹ It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; ³² but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."

³³ And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it. ³⁴ **But without a parable He did not speak to them.** And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples.

³⁵ On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side."

³⁶ Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him.

³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. ³⁸ But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

⁴⁰ But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?"

⁴¹ And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

The Kingdom Parables



Parable of the Four Soils

Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:3-20



Parable of the Wheat and tares

Matthew 13:24-30



Parable of the Mustard Tree

Matthew 13:31-32; Mark 4:30-34



Parable of the Leaven

Matthew 13:31-33



Parable of the Hidden Treasure

Matthew 13:44



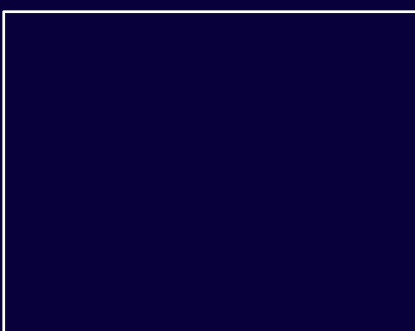
Parable of the Pearl of Great Price

Matthew 13:45-46



Parable of the Dragnet

Matthew 13:47-50



Mark 5 – Galilean miracles

Healing a demon-possessed man

¹ Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes.

² And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, ³ who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, ⁴ because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him.

⁵ And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.

⁶ When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. ⁷ And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me."

⁸ For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!"

⁹ Then He asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many." ¹⁰ Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country.

¹¹ Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. ¹² So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them."

¹³ And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.

¹⁴ So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵ Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

¹⁶ And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine. ¹⁷ Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region.

¹⁸ And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. ¹⁹ However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." ²⁰ And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

More Galilean miracles

²¹ Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea.

²² And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet ²³ and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live."

²⁴ So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.

²⁵ Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.

²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. ²⁸ For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." ²⁹ Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.

³⁰ And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"

³¹ But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, Who touched Me?"

³² And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. ³³ But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴ And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

³⁵ While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" ³⁶ As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe."

³⁷ And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. ³⁸ Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. ³⁹ When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying.

⁴¹ Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise."

⁴² Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement.

⁴³ But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.