

**The Gospel of Mark: a Path Strewn with Sinners
Mark 5 & 7:24-30**

**The Only Sane Man in Gerasenes
5:1-20 (pgs. 33-36 – Mark: a path strewn with sinners)**

Review: Who has Jesus come for?

Where does Jesus go next? What do we know about this region? (see map from lesson 2)

εὐθὺς “Immediately!” vs2

What do the demons acknowledge about Jesus? (vs7)

Why did the townspeople react the way they did? (vs15-17)

Why does the author of the book call the formerly demon-possessed man “the only sane man in Gerasenes”? (vs19 & pg36)

How does this story teach us vocation? (pg36)

**Toe-tapping and Disruption
5:21-43 (pgs. 37-40 – Mark: a path strewn with sinners)**

Two desperate sinners: which one do you help first?

εὐθὺς “Immediately!” vs29 & 30

Why does Jesus ask, “Who touched me?”

What does this interaction with this woman teach us about prayer and our “busy” God, busy with the matters of the universe? (5:35)

Would you categorize vs36 as law or gospel? Why? (pg39-40)

Why is vs39 a great comfort to you?

εὐθὺς “Immediately!” vs42

In vs43 why does Jesus (again...) tell these folks not to tell anyone? (pg40)

**Jesus' Syrophenician Dog
7:24-30 (pgs. 41-43 Mark: a path strewn with sinners)**

εὐθὺς “Immediately!” vs25

Context: Why does Mark put this story here in his gospel? (pg41 – and skim 7:1-23)

Why does Mark include these details about the woman in vs26? (pg42)

How do you explain Jesus' response to this poor, desperate sinner's plea? (pg42)

What's the main point of this story? (Acts 1:8 & pg43)

Questions drawn from the book:
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