

Hope Community Church: All Church Reading Plan

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Hope Community Church

The vision of Hope Community Church is to honor God by making as many fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ as possible. When we say “fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ”, this doesn’t necessarily mean “be a super Christian.”

We believe that a fully-devoted follower of Jesus Christ is someone who God has brought to new life through belief in Jesus Christ and God is continuously growing in maturity through his Spirit, the Word, and other believers to make them a continual light to the world.

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Hope Devotions



How Do I Have a Devotion?

Featured Article

Consistently reading the Bible can be challenging for most of us, not only for those who may be new to doing regular devotions...So how do we do devotions? How do we engage with God's word meaningfully? We thought we'd share a few practices we've found helpful for us in relating to God in our devotional time.

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All-Church Reading Plan

Three times a week, you'll read a Psalm, a portion of a gospel account, and one other part of Scripture. Meditate on it, and then pray for God's hand in your life with what was just read.

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An aerial photograph of a large industrial or commercial complex. The image shows several large, interconnected buildings with light-colored roofs, some with dark sections. There are extensive parking lots with many cars, particularly in the upper right corner. The surrounding area appears to be a mix of paved surfaces and some vegetation. The text "HOW DO WE RESPOND?" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

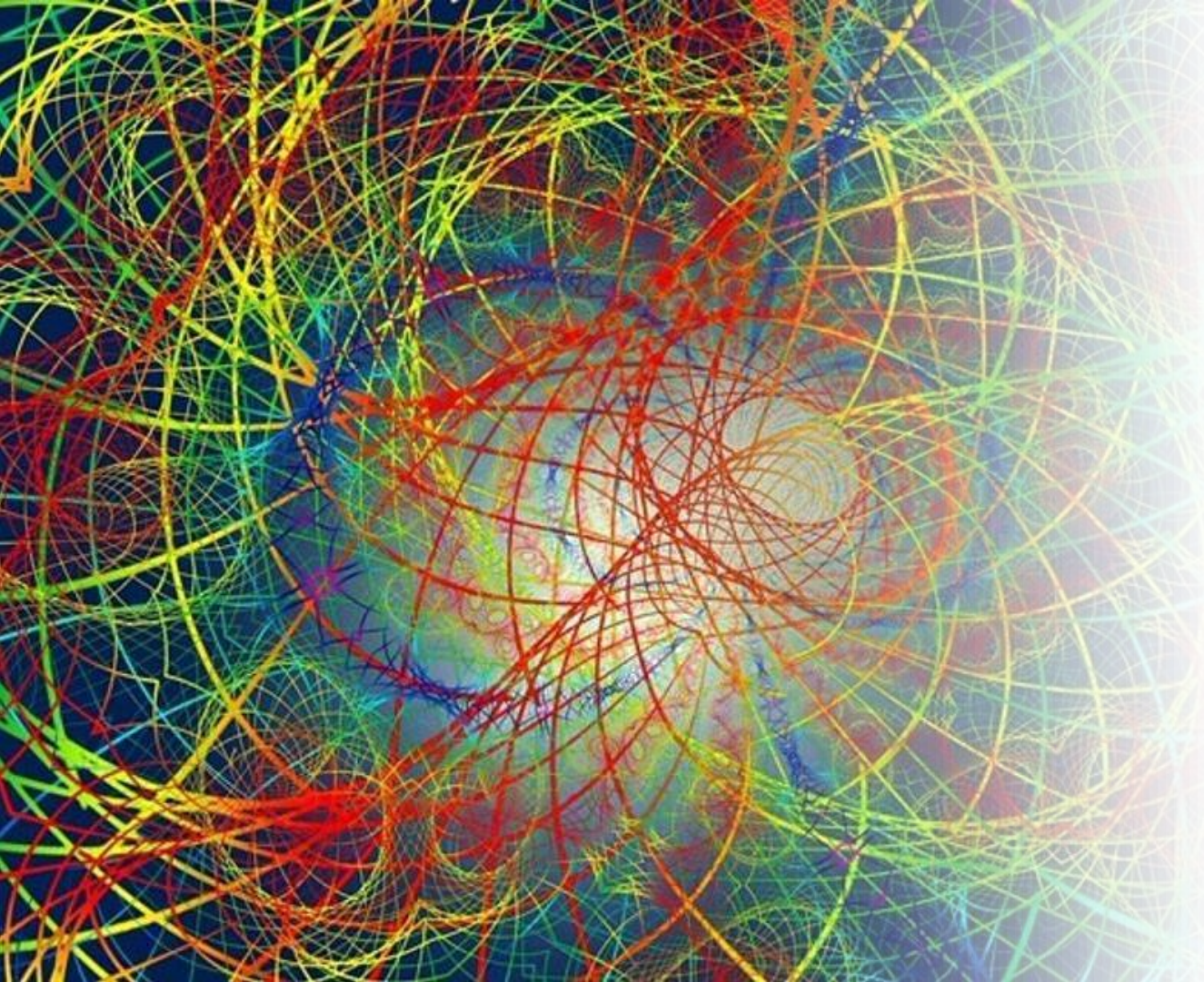
**HOW DO
WE RESPOND?**



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**Today's
Message:**
*"Order out of
chaos"*
Mark 5:1-20



Mark 4:35-41

³⁵That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” ³⁶Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

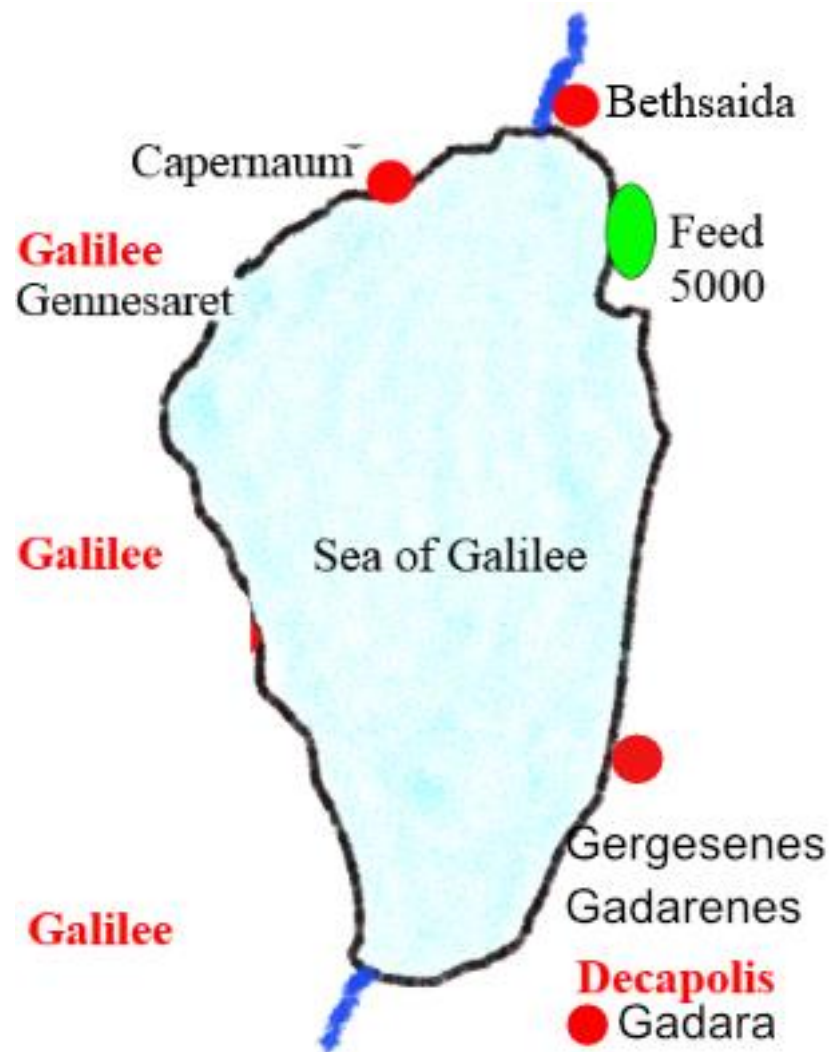
Mark 4:35-41

³⁹He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. ⁴⁰He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” ⁴¹They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

Part One – The Landing of the Boat

Mark 5:1-2a

¹They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. ²When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. ³This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. ⁴For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.





Part Two – The “Welcoming Party”

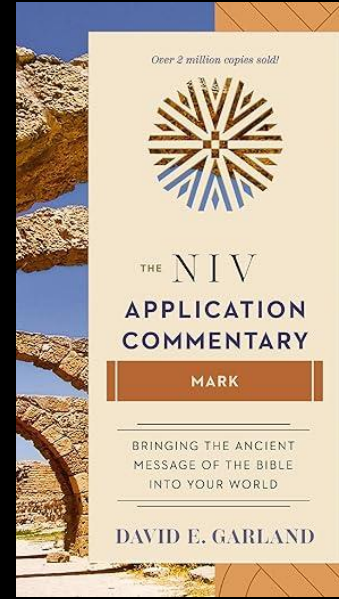
Mark 5:2b-5

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Genesis 3:15

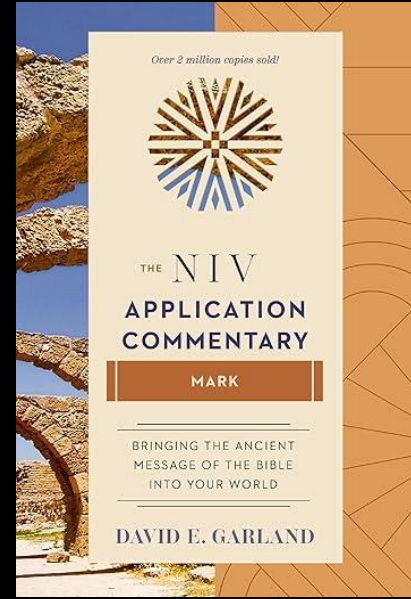
And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

No one had the strength to “subdue” him. The Greek word used here (*damazo*) is used for taming a wild animal and is better translated, “no one was able to *tame* him.” Obviously this demoniac roams free because all attempts to constrain him have failed. He is one tough customer, and only a power more potent than iron bars and chains will bridle him. Translating the verb “tame” also opens up another dimension to the text. It strikes us immediately that something is wrong. One does not normally “tame” human beings; one tames wild animals (or the tongue, James 3:8).



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People treat him like a wild animal, and he acts like one. He is banished as an outcast from society and must dwell with those whose sleep will not be disturbed by his shrieks echoing through the night as he lacerates his body with stones. He is a microcosm of the whole of creation, inarticulately groaning for redemption (Romans 8:22).



~ David E. Garland, *Mark*, The NIV Application Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1996), 203.

Part Three – The Defense and Request #1

Mark 5:6-8

⁶When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. ⁷He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God’s name don’t torture me!”
⁸For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you impure spirit!”



Matthew 8:29

“What do you want with us, Son of God?”
they shouted. “Have you come here to torture us
before the appointed time?”

Part Four – Request #2

Mark 5:9-10

⁹Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.”

¹⁰And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

Part Five – Request #3

Mark 5:11-13

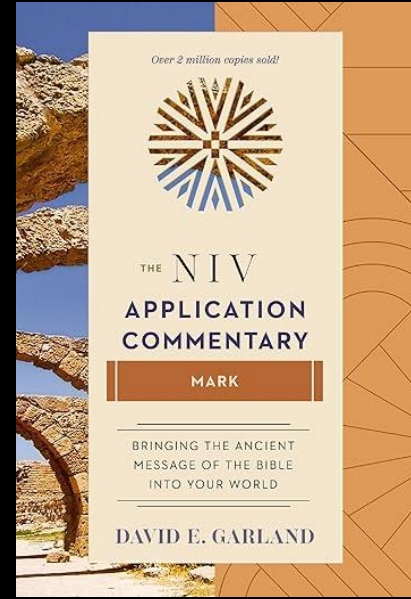
¹¹A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside.
¹²The demons begged Jesus, “Send us among the pigs;
allow us to go into them.” ¹³He gave them permission,
and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs.
The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down
the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.





The kamikaze demons fall victim to their own designs and tumble headlong into chaos. The joke is on them. From a Jewish perspective, the scene is a joke: unclean spirits and unclean animals are both wiped out in one fell swoop, and a human being is cleansed.

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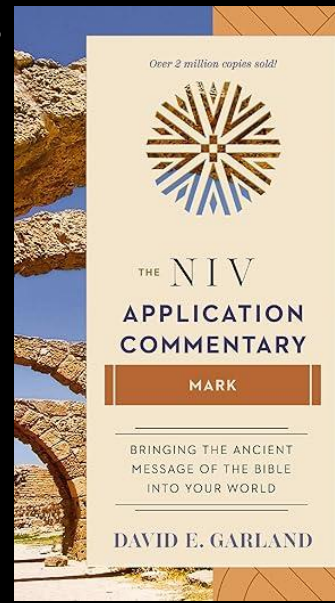


Part Six – The Villager's Response and Request #4

Mark 5:14-27

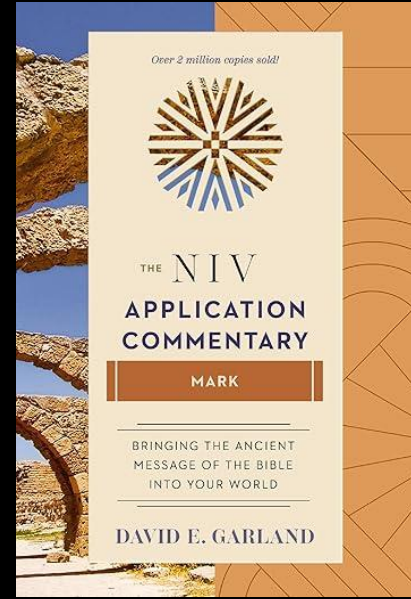
¹⁴Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. ¹⁵When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ¹⁶Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man – and told about the pigs as well. ¹⁷Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

“These townspeople do not seem to care that Jesus has such power; they just want him gone. Instead of giving him the key to the city, they give him a cold shoulder. The demons had begged Jesus to let them stay in the region (5:10); the townspeople now beg Jesus to leave the region. They are more comfortable with the malevolent forces that take captive human beings and destroy animals than they are with the one who can expel them.





They can cope with the odd demon-possessed wild man who terrorizes the neighborhood with random acts of violence. But they want to keep someone with Jesus' power at lake's length — on the other side of the sea. They must consider Jesus more dangerous and worrisome than the demons.



~ David E. Garland, *Mark*, The NIV Application Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1996), 206.

Part Seven – Request #5 (DENIED!)

Mark 5:18-20

¹⁸As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. ¹⁹Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” ²⁰So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

A scene from the animated movie "The Incredibles" showing Mr. Incredible in the foreground, looking surprised with wide eyes. He is wearing his signature blue suit and mask. The background features a suburban neighborhood with green lawns, trees, and houses, including a prominent white church with a steeple. The scene is set during the day with soft lighting.

Light Bulb

“Light Bulbs” from Mark 5:1-20

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1. Satan is real, and he wants to completely destroy everything

STEAL
KILL
DESTROY!

JOHN 10:10



“Light Bulbs” from Mark 5:1-20

1. Satan is real, and he wants to completely destroy everything
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“Light Bulbs” from Mark 5:1-20

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Reactions to Jesus

“Light Bulbs” from Mark 5:1-20

1. Satan is real, and he wants to completely destroy everything
2. Jesus > Satan
3. The Power of Jesus is very terrifying
4. The man is a parable for all of us

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.



— SPIRITUAL DEATH —

Ephesians 2:1-10

⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

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Ephesians 2:1-10

⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God —
⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



Walking in Newness of Life