Tuesday Bible Study: Mark Ch. 5

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- 1. Opening Prayer
- 2. Intro: Textuality

"Meanings come out of interactions between text-presented-knowledge and stored-knowledge of the world." – Beaugrande and Dressler

# Example) SLOW CHILDREN AT PLAY





- 1) Cohesion: grammatical forms and conventions
- 2) Coherence: relations of the words
- 3) Intentionality: text producer's attitudes and intentions
- 4) Acceptability: text receiver's attitudes
- 5) Informality: expectations from information in a text
- 6) Situationality: context
- 7) Intertextuality: a text depends upon knowledge of previously encountered text(s)

Question. Regarding textuality, how shall we newly understand the story of Jesus written in Mark?

- 1) "THE BEGINNING OF GOOD NEWS JESUS CHRIST SON OF GOD"
- 2) "THE SEA, JESUS, MAN OUT OF TOMBS, UNCLEAN SPIRITS, LEGION, SWINE"
- 3. Let us read Mark 5:1-20

#### 4. Discussion

- a. The Old Testament talks about the unclean spirit. Read Zechariah 13:2 and Psalm 106:36-39, and talk about how we can understand the unclean spirit.
- b. How about the name of the unclean spirit, Legion, who stays nearby the sea?
- c. What do we see as the unclean spirit moves from the tombs to swine and to the sea? Read Matthew 12:43-45 and Isaiah 65:4
- d. How variously can we understand this story of the unclean spirit cast out to the sea?
- e. Jesus usually told people not to speak of him, but in 5:19, Jesus told the man to speak. Why?

f. People who came out to Jesus were afraid (v. 15). Of what were they afraid?

#### 5. Let us read Mark 5:21-43

### 6. Discussion

- a. This part has two stories with a sandwich structure. How do you think the sandwich structure would impact the readers?
- b. Compare the story of Jairus and the story of the woman with hemorrhages.
- c. From verses 25 to 27, Mark uses 7 participles and ends with the verb "touched." What would be Mark's intentions to tell of this story with participles?
- d. When the woman touched Jesus, it was a healing moment to her. But what was it to Jesus?
- e. Do you think Jesus' statement, "Daughter, your faith has made you well," is surprising? Why or why not?
- f. Regarding the woman's healing, how shall we understand the death of Jairus' daughter and Jesus' statement, "Do not fear, only believe (v. 36)"?
- g. The woman was suffering for 12 years and the daughter was 12 years old. Does this fact give us any implication?
- h. In chapter 5, what would you say Jesus dealt with?

## 7. Closing Prayer