



# Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

## SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022



### Take your Pulse

Is it hard to keep a secret?

Are there any secrets that you shouldn't keep?

### Today's Reading

Mark Chapter 5

Jesus is back to healing again in this chapter starting with the Gerasene Demoniac they encountered when they got to the other side of the lake. The fact that Jesus sent a Legion of demons into pigs that then got destroyed in the sea terrified the people in the community so they asked Jesus to leave. Back on the other side of the lake, Jesus then is asked to heal Jairus' daughter, and on the way a woman is healed from years of hemorrhaging when she reaches out and touches Jesus' cloak. By the time Jesus get's to the little girl, she is already dead, but Jesus brings her back to life. With all these amazing miracles that Jesus is performing, his popularity is spreading like wildfire. But Jesus is requesting those he encounters to mums the word. The world is not ready yet to know that Jesus is the Messiah. At least we the reader have been let in on this secret.



### Start the Thinking

At the end of this chapter, Jesus strictly orders the little girls parents not to tell others about him bringing their daughter back to life. The demons who recognize him he silences. Why do you think there is all this secrecy? Do you think the parents honored Jesus' request to stay quiet? Why or why not.



### Conversing with God

Dear Jesus,

You heal the broken hearted and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. Strengthen us with your grace so that we too may participate in your healing works. Amen.



### Be blessed

May the God of surprises bring smiles and joys to the everyday and ordinary.

May the God of love be seen in all we do and say.

May the God of life who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen