

Delivered from Evil

Let's Go

Mark 5:1-20

5-23-21

I. Jesus Confronts Evil.

Matthew 4:24 – “News about Jesus spread (so)...people brought to Him those with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and He healed them.”

Mark 5:1-3 – “They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain.”

1 Peter 5:8 – “Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

1 Timothy 3:6 – “A church leader must not be a new believer, because he might become proud, and the devil would cause him to fall.”

Ephesians 4:26-27 – “In your anger do not sin...do not give the devil a foothold.”

Acts 5:3 – “Peter said, ‘...how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit...’”

2 Corinthians 11:3 – “But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve...your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.”

II. Jesus Conquers Evil.

Mark 5:6-8 – “And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before Him. And crying out with a loud voice, he said, ‘What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.’ For he was saying to Him, ‘Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!’”

Matthew 8:29 – “Have you come here to torment us before the time?”

Luke 8:31 – “And they begged [Jesus] not to command them to depart into the abyss.”

Mark 5:9-10 – “And Jesus asked him, ‘What is your name?’ He replied, ‘My name is Legion, for we are many.’ And he begged Him earnestly not to send them out of the country.”

John 12:31 – “(Satan) is the ruler of this world.”

Mark 5:11-13 – “Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged Him, saying, ‘Send us to the pigs; let us enter them.’ So He gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.”

The Lord Conquered:

1. Impurity
2. Isolation
3. Worldly Strength
4. Torment
5. Messed up personality
6. Destructive and suicidal tendencies
7. Fear

III. Jesus Commissions those Delivered from Evil.

Mark 5:15-20 – “...(The man was) sitting there, clothed and in his right mind...And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. (The) man who had been possessed with demons begged Him that he might be with Him. (Jesus said) ‘Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you.’ And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.”

Going Deeper This Week

1. If you were involved in a conversation about movies featuring demons, vampires, and even angels, how might you steer the conversation to a balanced, biblical view of demonic activity?
2. How would you respond to a Christian who questions, in this modern day, whether we still need to believe in angels and demons?
3. What are some of the ways the Devil debased this man? How do people these days end up being disgraced when they listen to the Devil's lies?
4. Why do you think Herculean strength is often a characteristic of demoniacs?
5. Why does demonic activity ultimately lead to suicidal despair? Why is Jesus the only decisive answer to such despair?
6. Why do the demons know precisely who Jesus is?
7. How is Jesus' command to the demons different from the way exorcism is portrayed in the movies?
8. Have you ever seen someone come to Christ, and the people around him or her are more concerned with trivial matters than with the salvation of souls?
9. In what ways can someone who has just been saved be a better evangelist than someone who has been a Christian and studied the Bible for a long time? How can the latter improve his or her message?
10. Describe a scenario where Jesus might change someone you know so that they would once again be in their right mind. Pray for that person.