

Sermon Notes

Series: Mark - On Mission With Jesus

— SESSION 16 —

DELIVERANCE FROM THE DEMONIC

In our previous passage we observed Jesus exercise power over a great storm during a boating trip on the Sea of Galilee. Now, as Jesus and His disciples reach the other side of the Sea, they encounter a man who by all accounts could be the most demonized person they would ever meet. The same power that delivered the disciples from the storm will now deliver this man from serious demonic power. It is possible that everyone else believed the demonized man was a lost cause but to Jesus there is no such thing. As we read this passage today, we can be encouraged that the same power we see in this story is still at work in our world today. Jesus still delivers people from demonic power!

Mark 5:1-20 - *They came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes. When He got out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him, and he had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one was able to bind him anymore, even with a chain; because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him. Constantly, night and day, he was screaming among the tombs and in the mountains, and gashing himself with stones. Seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him; and shouting with a loud voice, he said, "What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!" For He had been saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" And He was asking him, "What is your name?" And he said to Him, "My name is Legion; for we are many." And he began to implore Him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now there was a large herd of swine feeding nearby on the mountain. The demons implored Him, saying, "Send us into the swine so that we may enter them." Jesus gave them permission. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand of them; and they were drowned in the sea. Their herdsmen ran away and reported it in the city and in the country. And the people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Jesus and observed the man who had been demon-possessed sitting down, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the "legion"; and they became frightened. Those who had seen it described to them how it had happened to the demon-possessed man, and all about the swine. And they began to implore Him to leave their region. As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed was imploring Him that he might accompany Him. And He did not let him, but He said to him, "Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you." And he went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.*

THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CONFRONTS THE DEMONIC - (Mark 5:1-7)

THE POWER OF JESUS CASTS OUT THE DEMONIC - (Mark 5:8-13)

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS GIVES HOPE TO THE DEMONIZED - (Mark 5:14-20)