

Jesus Said
“Come Out Of The Man”
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- When Jesus spoke, there was often a revelation by the people of His true identity.
- Last week: When Jesus calmed the storm using only the words from His mouth,
 - His disciples became afraid and said *“Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey Him.”*

-Why were they afraid?

- They realized WHO He really was...(Creator, Giver of Life, God Incarnate, Great I AM)

-Today’s story is no different.

-When Jesus calms the storm, the disciples and Jesus finish their boat ride and arrive in the region of the Gerasenes.

- What they encountered was shocking.

-Mark 5:1-20 (NLT) So they arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes.

² When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from the tombs to meet him.

³ This man lived in the burial caves and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain. ⁴ Whenever he was put into chains and shackles—as he often was—he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him.

⁵ Day and night he wandered among the burial caves and in the hills, howling and cutting himself with sharp stones.

⁶ When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him.

⁷ With a shriek, he screamed, “Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don’t torture me!”

⁸ For Jesus had already said to the spirit, “Come out of the man, you evil spirit.”

⁹ Then Jesus demanded, “What is your name?”

And he replied, “My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man.”

¹⁰ Then the evil spirits begged him again and again not to send them to some distant place.

¹¹ There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby.

¹² “Send us into those pigs,” the spirits begged. “Let us enter them.”

13 So Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd of about 2,000 pigs plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water.

14 The herdsmen fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. People rushed out to see what had happened.

15 A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid.

16 Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demon-possessed man and the pigs.

17 And the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone.

18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him.

19 But Jesus said, “No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.”

20 So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.

-Mark begins this section by saying that they arrived on the other side of the lake.

-This is not random.

-Jesus knew where He was going.

-And it wasn't as much in order to escape the crowd but to ENCOUNTER a man.

-Notice the man:

Mark 5 3-5 (NLT) This man lived in the burial caves and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain. ⁴ Whenever he was put into chains and shackles—as he often was—he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him.

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-In Luke's Gospel he describes the man as *“homeless, naked, and living in a cemetery.”*

-In Matthew's Gospel, it says that the man was so violent no one could go through that area.

-This is a desperate situation.

-His case was such that unless Jesus intervenes, he is forever hopeless.

-*He is a picture of every person on the planet that lives without God.
-Jesus is the only One that can save anyone and everyone from their sinful condition.

-*He is a picture of every person that is bound in bondage to something.
-Jesus is the only One that can free from the strongholds of life.

-This man was possessed by demons

-It is a real thing.

-You ask people in Africa, Haiti, and other parts of the world.

-*Any person that is NOT possessed by the Lord Jesus Christ is capable of being possessed by anything else, including the devil himself.

-1 John 5:19 (NIV) We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

-Can I speculate as to why this man's condition was so bad?

-To show the true power and true identity of Jesus.

-And to show that Jesus has authority over everything including the devil himself.

-This is not a random moment in time but a divinely appointed meeting with the Lord, the Great I AM.

-This is the whole point of the passage.

-To show the disciples, the towns people, and everyone watching that He has authority over every part of darkness and evil.

*Let's talk about this for a moment.

-Many believe that Jesus is on one side and the devil is on the other and they are shooting it out and one day, at the Battle of Armageddon, Jesus and the forces of good are going to win out.

-No.

-Matthew 28:18 (NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

-Ephesians 1:21-23 (NLT) Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come.

²² God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.

²³ And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

-Jesus is Supreme and Jesus is Lord.

-Notice how this is demonstrated.

-He says 3 things to the legion of demons possessing this man.

(1) **Come Out Of The Man**

-**Mark 5:6-8** (NLT) When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him.

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(2) **What Is Your Name?**

-**Mark 5:9** (NLT) Then Jesus demanded, “What is your name?” And he replied, “My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man.”

(3) **All Right, Go**

-**Mark 5:10-13** (NLT) Then the evil spirits begged him again and again not to send them to some distant place.

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-Jesus gave them permission.

-In Matthew’s Gospel account, he records Jesus as saying to them “All right, Go.”

-And they went.

-Did you notice their reaction to the words of Jesus?

-What happened when Jesus spoke to them?

(1) **Bowed**

-**Mark 5:6** (NLT) When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him.

-They ran to Him and they bowed low before Him.

-They cannot help it.

-Do you understand that Jesus is the Lord of Glory and that the only rightful position before Him is a bowed position?

-They cannot help it.

-They are subject to the Lord of creation and all the earth.

(2) **Blessed**

-Mark 5:7a (NLT) With a shriek, he screamed, “Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?”

-They blessed the Lord right there with the Truth of Who He is.

-The demons know who they are talking to.

-He is the most High God and they cannot help but to make that confession known with their lips.

(3) Begged

-Mark 5:7-13 (NLT) With a shriek, he screamed, “Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don’t torture me!”

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-How many times do you see the word “begged?”

-They begged and begged and begged.

-They cannot do anything on their own, but only what Jesus tells them to do.

-Jesus gives them permission to go into the pigs.

-This was not the time for judgment.

-God has set an appointed time for that.

-No, this was a time for authority.

-They had to do whatever Jesus said.

-At that moment on earth, the demonic realm had no authority before the Lord.

-They were subject to whatever Jesus said.

-And they still are.

-They know Who He is—the Lord of Glory, God in the flesh, the Great I AM

-They know they have to obey whatever He says.

-*Listen, if Jesus lives in us, then what authority do we have?

-The same authority that Jesus has!

-**Philippians 2:9-11** (NLT) Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth
11 and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

-**Mark 5:14-15** (NLT) The herdsmen fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. People rushed out to see what had happened.

15 A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid.

-There was no mistake that Jesus sending the demons into 2000 pigs that run off a cliff and drown in the Sea of Galilee was proof positive that Jesus had authority over the realm of evil.

-The demons had left the man and only something supernatural could have caused it.

-Pig farmers flee the scene and tell everyone what was going on.

-Can you imagine the response?

-The whole town arrives on the scene.

-They see man sitting before them.

-He went from Chained to Changed.

-They hear the story of what happened to Him.

-They become afraid.

-No one but God could make that happen.

-Go back to this understanding of Bow, Bless, Beg

-**They did not bow**

-They did not bow at the feet of Jesus.

-They should have: The Lord of glory was among them.

-**They did not bless**

-They did not rejoice.

-They did not say Thank you.

-They did not confess Who He was, the Great I AM

-**They did not beg**

-They had the Lord among them.

-He could have stayed and ministered and blessed them.

-They did not beg Jesus to stay.

-No, they begged Jesus to leave.

-Mark 5:16-17 (NLT) Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demon-possessed man and the pigs.

17 And the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone.

-The demons had more faith than the crowd than was watching.

-It is so interesting to me that Jesus says nothing to this group of people.

-Do you know why?

-Jesus will not stay where He is not wanted.

-There is no mention of Him ever returning to that area.

-Mark 5:18-20 (NLT) As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him.

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20 So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.

-The man begged.

-He begged because bowed and blessed and believed.

-Stay here and tell them of the Lord’s work and the Lord’s mercy.

-Bowing is a picture of Lordship

-I bow in humble subjection to the Lord of Creation.

-Blessing is a picture of Worship

-You are God Most High and above You there is no other.

-Begging is a picture of Obedience

-Whatever you want me to do.

-In that moment, the demons got it.

-In that moment, the crowd missed it. (Just like they are missing it today)

-But those who have been changed by Christ, understand it.

-The words of Jesus have to illicit a response.

-What about you? (Bowed, Blessed, Begged)

-Bridge Groups

1. What stood out to you most about this week’s message?

2. Have you ever been bound or enslaved to something? Can you sympathize with this man’s position of bondage?

3. Do you understand the relationship between God and the Devil? Explain.

4. The demonic realm exhibited more faith than the rebellious, faithless crowd. Why do you think they wanted Jesus to leave?

5. Bow, Bless, Beg. The proper response to Jesus. The demons got it. Why do you think so many people (like the crowd) miss this?