

February 19, 2023
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Notes



Love Lives Here

God's Call on Ordinary People to do Extraordinary Things

Mark 5:1-20 (vs. 18-20 not included here)

Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed Man

¹ They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. ² When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. ³ This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. ⁴ For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him.

⁵ Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

⁶ When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. ⁷ He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!" ⁸ For Jesus had said to him, "**Come out of this man, you impure spirit!**"

⁹ Then Jesus asked him, "**What is your name?**"

"My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." ¹⁰ And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

¹¹ A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. ¹² The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." ¹³ He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

¹⁴ Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened, ¹⁵ When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.

¹⁶ Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. ¹⁷ Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

- **What does this story say about Jesus' _____ ?**
 - Jesus is indeed the _____ .
 - Jesus is all _____ .
- **What does this story say about Jesus' _____ ?**
 - Jesus _____ where others won't ____ .
 - Jesus _____ for the ones we so easily _____ .
- **What does this story say about Jesus' _____ ?**
 - Jesus' mission is to _____ .
 - Jesus' mission is to go wherever _____ are.
- **What do we learn about Jesus' _____ ?**
 - We all have _____ – we're all this _____ - _____ man in one way or another.
 - A definition of _____ (our day-to-day demons):
 - A demon is anything that _____ us from God.
 - A demon is anything that _____ us from being in community with each other.
 - How do we deal with our _____? How do we deal with our _____? How do we deal with _____?
 - We get _____ with God – _____ God can and will show up....even if God doesn't show up the way we want God to show up.

This Week's Important Stuff:

- **Ash Wednesday Service** – This Wednesday Feb. 22 at 7 PM (I'm sorry – no live stream for that service). Our theme for Lent: "Famous Last Words"
- **Senior Lunch and Movie Day** – This Friday February 24th – 11:30 AM. Movie showing this month: Murphy's Romance.
- **GriefShare Workshop** – starts Monday February 27th – 1 to 3 PM. This is our 13-week workshop for anyone dealing with the death of a loved one.

- What does this story say about Jesus' identity?
 - Jesus is indeed the son of God.
 - Jesus is all powerful.
- What does this story say about Jesus' character?
 - Jesus goes where others won't go.
 - Jesus cares for the ones we so easily dismiss.
- What does this story say about Jesus' mission?
 - Jesus' mission is to rescue people.
 - Jesus' mission is to go wherever hurting people are.
- What do we learn about Jesus' help for us?
 - We all have demons – we're all this demon-possessed man in one way or another.
 - A definition of demons (our day-to-day demons):
 - A demon is anything that separates us from God.
 - A demon is anything that separates us from being in community with each other.
- How do we deal with our demons? How do we deal with our storms? How do we deal with death and sickness?
 - We get desperate with God – trusting God can and will show up....even if God doesn't show up the way we want God to show up.