

***The Man No One
Could Tame***

Mark 5:1-20

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Mark 5:1–20 (CSB) - *They came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes. ²As soon as he got out of the boat, a man with an unclean spirit came out of the tombs and met him. ³He lived in the tombs, and no one was able to restrain him anymore—not even*

with a chain—⁴because he often had been bound with shackles and chains, but had torn the chains apart and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains, he was always crying out and

cutting himself with stones.

⁶When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and knelt down before him. ⁷And he cried out with a loud voice, “What do you have to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you before God,

don't torment me!"⁸ For he had told him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!"

⁹"What is your name?" he asked him.

"My name is Legion," he answered him, "because we are many."¹⁰ And

he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the region.

¹¹A large herd of pigs was there, feeding on the hillside. ¹²The demons begged him, “Send us to the pigs, so that we may enter them.” ¹³So he gave them

permission, and the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs. The herd of about two thousand rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned there.

¹⁴The men who tended them ran off and reported it in the town and the

countryside, and people went to see what had happened. ¹⁵They came to Jesus and saw the man who had been demon-possessed, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ¹⁶Those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the

demon-possessed man and told about the pigs. ¹⁷Then they began to beg him to leave their region.

¹⁸As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged him earnestly that he might remain with him.

***19 Jesus did not let him but told him,
“Go home to your own people, and
report to them how much the Lord
has done for you and how he has
had mercy on you.” 20 So he went
out and began to proclaim in the
Decapolis how much Jesus had***

***done for him, and they were all
amazed.***

1. The Complexity of Evil

Mark 5:2 - *A man with an unclean spirit came out of the tombs and met him.*

- **The Objection: Are there really demons?**

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2. “It’s PRIMITIVE to attribute everything to demons.”

Matthew 4:24 (CSB) - *Then the news about him spread throughout Syria. So they brought to him all those who were afflicted, those suffering from various diseases and intense pains, the demon-possessed, the epileptics, and the paralytics. And he healed them.*

- **Only a biblical worldview of evil explains the intransigence and intractability of evil.**

1 Timothy 3:7 (CSB) - *Furthermore, he must have a good reputation among outsiders, so that he does not fall into disgrace and the devil's trap.*

2 Timothy 2:24–26 (CSB) - *The Lord's servant must not quarrel, but must be gentle to everyone, able to teach, and patient, ²⁵instructing his opponents with gentleness. Perhaps God will grant them repentance leading them to*

the knowledge of the truth. ²⁶Then they may come to their senses and escape the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

1 Timothy 6:9 (CSB) - *But those who want to be rich fall into temptation, a trap, and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge people into ruin and destruction.*

**Hebrews 12:15 (CSB) - *Make sure
... that no root of bitterness springs
up, causing trouble and defiling
many.***

Ephesians 4:26–27 (CSB) - *Be angry and do not sin. Don't let the sun go down on your anger,²⁷ and don't give the devil an opportunity.*

2. The Patterns of Evil

- **With great power comes great enslavement.**

- **This enslavement is always gradual.**

Mark 5:3–10 (CSB) - *He lived in the tombs, and no one was able to restrain him anymore.*

3. The Defeat of Evil

- **We must recognize
the source of power:
Jesus.**

Mark 5:6 (CSB) -*When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and knelt down before him.*

- **We must connect to that power.**

Mark 5:7 (CSB) - *And he cried out with a loud voice, “What do you have to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you before God, don’t torment me!”*

Mark 5:9-10 (CSB) - *“What is your name?” he asked him. “My name is Legion,” he answered him, “because we are many.”*¹⁰ And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the region.