



Out of the Tombs and Into the Light

Mark 5:1-20; Matt. 8:22-34; Luke 8:26-39

Out of the Tombs and Into the Light

- Mark 5:19 - “However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.”
- Examine the power of the compassion of Jesus

The Power Of Demons

- Mark 5:1-5 - “Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. 2 And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, 3 who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, 4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. 5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.”

The Power Of Demons

- The demon made him unfit for society.
- The demon made him restless night and day.
- The demon filled him with misery and pain.
- The demon could not be controlled by human power.

The Power Of Jesus Over Demons

- Mark 5:6-13 - “When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. 7 And he cried out with a loud voice and said, What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me. 8 For He said to him, Come out of the man, unclean spirit! 9 Then He asked him, What is your name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion; for we are many. 10 Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. 11 Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. 12 So all the demons begged Him, saying, Send us to the swine, that we may enter them. 13 And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.”

The Power Of Jesus Over Demons

- The demon came to Jesus in submission.
- Jesus could control any number of demons.
- Jesus commanded the demons to leave.
- Jesus controlled the destiny of the demons.

The State Of The Possessed Man

- Luke 8:27 - “And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.”
- Matt. 8:28 - “When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way.”
- He lived in tombs without family and friends.
- He was powerless and without hope; no one could help.

The Compassion Of Jesus

- Mark 5:14-15 - “So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. 15 Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind...”

The Compassion Of Jesus

- Full restoration is given to the man
- The spiritual benefit outweighed any physical loss
- Mark 8:13 - “Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.”

The Response Of The People

- Mark 5:15-17 - "...And they were afraid. 16 And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine. 17 Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region."
- The spiritual benefit of one soul was more important than the social interests and comfort of the many.

The Response Of The People

- The spiritual benefit of one man produced spiritual benefits for others
 - Mark 5:18-20 - “And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. 19 However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you. 20 And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.”

Lessons To Be Learned

- The Lord's works have made salvation available to all men regardless of their condition or worthiness in the eyes of other men.
 - Gal. 3:26-29 - “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

Lessons To Be Learned

- Jesus has compassion on all who need salvation
 - Matt. 23:37 - “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!”
 - Mark 6:34 - “And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.”

Lessons To Be Learned

- The Lord lets each one decide what he will do with the blessings given him.
 - He did not compel the people to withdraw their dismissal
 - He did not compel the man to believe and follow Him

Lessons To Be Learned

- Jesus still invites everyone to come to Him
 - Matt. 11:28-30 - “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”
 - John 6:37 - “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.”