

Set Free
Jesus Offers Hope – Part 3
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Ephesians 6:12 (ESV) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Psalm 27:1a (ESV) The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

1. Understand the reality of _____

Mark 5:2 (ESV) And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit.

Mark 5:3-4 (ESV) He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him.

Mark 5:5 (ESV) Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones.

2. Get ready for spiritual _____

Mark 5:7 (ESV) And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me."

Mark 5:8 (ESV) For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!"

Mark 5:9 (ESV) And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many."

3. Rely on the _____ of Jesus

Mark 5:11-12 (ESV) Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them."

Mark 5:13 (ESV) So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

4. Jesus can set anyone _____

Mark 5:15 (ESV) And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.

Mark 5:17 (ESV) And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region.

Mark 5:18-19 (ESV) As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."

Mark 5:20 (ESV) And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to hear Missionary Maile Cockett next Sunday.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. Do you think most people believe in demons today? Why or why not?

Why is it important to understand that our warfare as believers is not against other people (Ephesians 6:12)?

What does the language of Ephesians 6:12 tell us about evil spiritual powers?

What do you think should be a Christian's response and involvement in Halloween activities?

- 1A. What does the language "unclean spirit" tell us about demons (Mark 5:2)?
- 1B. What was the impact of the resident demons on the man's life (Mark 5:3-5)?
- 1C. In what ways do demons today seek to destroy the image of God in people?
- 1D. What possibilities can you think of that would have contributed to the demoniac's state?

- 2A. What is encouraging that the demons knew exactly who Jesus was (Mark 5:7, Acts 19:13-16)?
- 2B. Why would casting a demon out of a person torment the demon (Mark 5:7-8, Luke 11:24)?
- 2C. Who is speaking to Jesus in Mark 5:7-9? What does that tell you about the degree of the man's demonization (Mark 5:9)?
- 2D. Why is it important to realize that demonization is a matter of degree?
- 3A. Why did the demons want to go into the pigs (Mark 5:11-12)? Why did Jesus give them permission (Mark 5:13)?
- 3B. How can the gift of distinguishing between spirits help in setting people free (1 Corinthians 12:10)?
- 3C. Why is it imperative that those delivered of demons be filled with the Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:43-45)?
- 4A. Why were the neighbors afraid when they saw the man set free (Mark 5:15)?
- 4B. Why did Jesus tell the man to tell others about what had happened (Mark 5:18-19)? How would this have helped the man stay free?