

The Importance Of One!

Mark 5: 1-20

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Verse 1 - 5

The one is a demon-possessed man

Demons are destroyers; they destroy dignity, destroy values and destroy hope

“And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.”

Verse 6 - 7

The one ran and worshipped Him

There are no hopeless cases in God's eyes!

Jesus can enter any situation and CHANGE a person!

The demons recognized Jesus and had to submit to Jesus' rule

Bowing in worship means full submission, to kiss like a dog licking his master's hand

Jesus/God is NOT a little more powerful than Satan, but worlds, continents, space distance different in power! Isaiah 45: 23

DUALISM: assumes two separate entities, good and evil, are equally powerful

God represents the good entity, and Satan represents the evil entity, both equal

Dualism is a false flag; God is Creator and Satan the created

Settle this in your mind, *Satan is NOT in the same league as God!*

Verse 8 - 13

The one is commanded to be set free

Demons start to beg Jesus:

Beg #1 – “. *He would not send them out of the country*”

Demons wanted to stay where they ruled and were comfortable

David Guzik - “*Fallen spirits operate in designated territorial jurisdictions.*”

Beg #2 – “*So all the demons begged Him send us to the swine*”

Pigs are better than the abyss for sure
(*abyss is the holding tank for demons*)

LESSON: A visual for the disciples and everyone in the region –
Demons killed the pigs, ***NOT JESUS!***

Demons destroy; Satan is a destroyer of life!

***“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill,
and to destroy.” John 10: 10***

Knowing that Satan is a murderer, and Jesus is a life giver, who will
you serve?

All of us must decide: To whom will we declare loyalty, declare
fidelity and commit to serve?

Jesus came into this world to set the captives free – John 8: 36

FREEDOM IS A BIG DEAL – *LIVE FREE!*

Verse 14 - 17

The one is set free and the townies
want Jesus out

PLEASE NOTE: The man is clothed and in his right mind
Insane to sane in a moment!

Enter Jesus, enter sanity!

Jesus brings sanity to insane situations!

The townies plead with Jesus to leave

Jesus disrupted their lives and changed their norm; they were uncomfortable with the change

God will not force Himself on anyone, or make someone believe

Verse 18 - 20

The one wants to go with Jesus

Jesus' response:

“Go home to your friends and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you.”

Go and Tell – a command given to each of us; tell people how Jesus changed you

He proclaimed Jesus in Decapolis, a 10-city tour of what Jesus did for him

We will come to see that many were affected by this man's changed life

Closing Thoughts

Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee for ONE hopeless man

Jesus crossed the cosmos, left the grandeur of heaven for ONE,
you and me!

From a crowded metropolis to an isolated people group, our God
cares about the ONE, the few!

Jesus weathered the storm of the cross to get to you, ONE!

Jesus is calling – can you hear His voice?

You were created for this moment – COME!

COME just as you are, as is, simply COME!

That at the name of **Jesus** every knee should bow,
of things in heaven, and things in earth,
and things under the earth; And that every tongue
should confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**,
to the glory of God the Father.



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