

## **“The Demoniac”**

### **Mark 5:1-20**

1. In Mark 5, Jesus and His disciples go over to the east side of the Sea of Galilee into the region of the Gerasenes. As soon as Jesus gets out of the boat, who does Jesus immediately encounter (v.2)?
2. This poor demoniac would have surely been seen as an outcast and an outsider. He lived in the cave-like tombs cut into the rocks of nearby hills and he was uncontrollable for no one could subdue him (not even with chains on his hands and feet). What did this restless, tormented man constantly do day and night (v.5)?

This man’s behavior showed a desperate attempt to destroy and distort the image of God in man.

3. What 3 things in verses 6 and 7 give us an indication that the demon possessing the man is fully aware of Christ’s divine origin and superior power?
4. What is the demon’s response when Jesus asks in verse 9: “What is your name?”
5. The demons beg Jesus to send them among the pigs so that they may go into them as their new hosts and avoid being sent to a disembodied state until final judgment. What happens when Jesus gives them permission to enter this herd of about 2000 pigs (v.13)?
6. How is this man, who has been set free, now described in verse 15?
7. Fearing further economic loss, the townspeople urge Jesus to leave. More than the spiritual condition of this man, they were more worried about their financial condition if Jesus stayed in that area.

The same word for “beg” or “implore” that we saw from the demons in verse 12 is used once again to describe this cleansed man’s response. What does he want from Jesus (v.18)?

8. What is Christ’s response to this man’s request (v.19)?

When this man testifies to the great things Christ had done for him, what is the overwhelming response of the people?

9. What “great things” has Christ done in your life that you can give testimony to when you share with others?