

## THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF JESUS CHRIST (Mark 5:1-20)

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**TEXT—Mark 5:1-20**

**MAIN IDEA—**Only Jesus can deliver us from sin and Satan's power to make us brand new.

**MEMORY VERSE—[2 Cor. 5:17]**

**1-THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF DEMONS (Mk. 5:1-7)**—Matthew's Gospel tells us that there were two demon possessed men that approached Jesus (**Matt. 8:28**). Yet Mark's Gospel emphasizes the evil and destruction that the hoard of demons had caused in the life of one of the men.

**Mt. 8:28**

*John MacArthur—Though demons generally work in society through the promotion of errors, lies, false religion, and apostasy, demon possession is an extreme form of individualized subjugation, wherein one or more evil spirits control a person's mind, body, and voice. While demon possession can cause physical symptoms, it is a supernatural phenomenon that goes beyond scientific, psychological, or medical explanation. It should be added that, when Scripture speaks of the power of fallen angels, it does so to demonstrate the infinitely greater power of God (Eph. 1:21). This is especially true in the ministry of Jesus, where the emphasis is on Christ's power over the spirits of darkness. Those who belong to Jesus Christ are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. They need not fear demon possession because they are the temple of the Spirit of God (1 Cor. 6:19-20). And as the apostle John told his readers, 'Greater is He that is in you than he who is in the world' (1 Jn. 4:4).*

**V6-7**—By using this title the demons knew 3 things that were true about Christ's nature: 1) they believed in the Father & Son; 2) they believed Jesus as the Son was also equal with the Most High God (**i.e.[Col. 1:16]**); and 3) they knew that Jesus would bring final Judgment on them at God's appointed time! [**Matt. 8:29**]

**2 Pet. 2:4, 9-10; Jas. 2:19**

**Eph. 4:26-27**

**2-THE DELIVERING POWER OF JESUS (MK. 5:8-16)**—Here we see the infinite power of the LORD Jesus Christ on display as he sets this demon-possessed man free. No punches were thrown or physical weapons used, yet Jesus defeated the forces of hell with a single command.

**Ps. 24:10**

**V8-9** Jesus commands the demons to leave, yet he asks them their name. The name Legion displayed the severity of the possession, for a Roman Legion consisted of 6,000 soldiers. Therefore, this man was possessed with thousands of militant demons that intended to terrorize and destroy.

**V10-13**-The demons begged Jesus not to send them out of the country, revealing: that they dominated that region and the religions of that region. They knew Jesus had ultimate authority to expel them from that region. Their 2<sup>nd</sup> request to enter the pigs also revealed their intensely wicked desires to dominate anything they could.

**Prov.16:4**

**V14-16**-What an incredible miracle of deliverance! The violent, crazy man who used to run around screaming and cutting himself was sitting down, clothed, and in his right mind (thinking and speaking rationally).

**2 Cor. 5:17; 2 Cor. 5:21**

**3-THE DECEPTIVE POWER OF DEPRAVITY (Mk. 5:16-20)**—Here the Lord Jesus Christ performed one of the most awesome displays of delivering power ever seen in setting the possessed man free! Yet the people didn't receive Jesus but surprisingly rejected him and begged him to leave.

**Rom. 5:12**

**V17**-What a sad picture displaying the depth of their sinful condition! The people were more comfortable with sin, perversion, and demons than holiness, sanity, and Jesus. **John 3:19-21**

**Eph. 2:1-3; Jn. 1:12-13**

**V18** The man who moments earlier opposed Jesus and was tormented by the presence of Jesus because of the demons, was given and new nature with new affections for Christ and wanted to be with His LORD [**Jn. 10:27-28**].

**Conclusion: (V19-20)**—The Delivered man was the first missionary to the Gentiles.

**2 Cor. 5:17-20**