

Our Pork is More Important

Mark 5:1-20

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I. The boat arrives at a Gentile territory. Mark 5:1-5

The _____ and mission of Jesus, along with the way we respond to Jesus, is the main focus of this passage of scripture.

- This poor man had been demon possessed for a _____ time.
- This poor man ran around naked and lived like a _____ animal.
- This poor man lived near decaying, dead bodies near the tombs.
- This poor man was tormented and self-destructive; but this man had supernatural _____ as well.

II. Jesus' identity is no secret to spiritual beings. Mark 5:6-7

Demons, as well as Satan himself, are _____ servants of the Most High God, so they cannot help themselves but to fall at Jesus' feet and worship. **Philippians 2:9-11**

- **Mark 5:7** is a demonic statement of faith; there are no _____ among demons because they know the absolute power and authority of Jesus Christ. **James 2:19**

Hell was originally created for Satan and his demons, but if you desire to go there, Jesus will not _____ Himself upon anyone. **Matthew 25:41**

III. Moving day. Mark 5:8-13

Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee and endured the storm, not only to teach His followers a great lesson on trust, but He also had a mission to _____ this desperate man's life!

- *"Demonic possession is when a demonic spirit resides in a human body, and at times the demon will show its own personality through the _____ of the host body."* (Guzik)

IV. What is more important in your life? Mark 5:14-17

While we all need to eat and make a living, unfortunately many believers worship the "god" of _____ more than the Lord God.

- *"There are a great many who prefer their _____ before their Savior, and so come short of Christ, and salvation by him."* (Henry)

V. Practical Application. Mark 5:18-20

1. Man apart from Jesus Christ is _____ to deal with sin and darkness found within people.
2. These demons had to obey the absolute authority of Jesus.

3. Satan only places people in bondage; he cannot give any _____ gifts.
4. Some men worshipped pigs and money more than celebrating the freedom seen in Christ. **Mark 8:36-37**
5. Jesus came to men living within a tomb without an _____.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **Mark 5:1-5**. Discuss all the torment this man was going through as a result of demon possession. **Luke 8:27, John 8:34-36, John 10:10**
2. Read **Mark 5:6-7**. *Why did these demons worship Jesus even though they are enemies?* Read **Matthew 25:41**. *Why is it important to know that the Lord originally created hell for Satan and the demons?* **John 3:16, Romans 10:9-10, Philippians 2:9-11, James 2:19, 2 Peter 3:9**
3. Read **Mark 5:8-13**. *How many men were in a Roman army legion? What was Jesus' plan that even demons could not thwart? Where were the demons afraid of being sent?* **Luke 19:10, 2 Timothy 1:9, Jude 6, Revelation 20:1-3**
4. Read **Mark 5:14-17**. The people in the city were scared and mad. *Why? What was the main focus of these people?* **Matthew 6:24-25, Mark 8:36-37, Luke 8:34-35, Ephesians 2:1-2**
5. Read **Mark 5:18-20**. Discuss the five points of the Practical Application from the sermon. **Acts 1:8, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:13**