

The Jesus Affect - The Demoniac

Who is the scariest man you ever met?

Mark 5:1, 2 Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes. As soon as He got out of the boat, a man with an unclean spirit came out of the tombs and met Him.

Mark 5:3, 4 He lived in the tombs. No one was able to restrain him anymore - even with chains - because he often had been bound with shackles and chains, but had snapped off the chains and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him.

Mark 5:5 And always, night and day, he was crying out among the tombs and in the mountains cutting himself with stones.

Mark 5:6-10 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and knelt down before Him. And he cried out with a loud voice, "What do You have to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You before God, don't torment me!" For He had told him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" "What is your name?" He asked him. "My name is Legion," he answered Him, "because we are many." And he kept begging Him not to send the out of the region.

Mark 5:11, 12 Now a large herd of pigs was there, feeding on the hillside. The demons begged Him, "Send us to the pigs, so we may enter them."

Mark 5:13 And He gave them permission.
Then the unclean spirits came out of the
pigs, and the herd of about 2,000 rushed
down the steep bank into the sea and
drowned there.

Mark 5:14 The men who tended them ran off and reported it in the town and the countryside, and people went to see what had happened.

Mark 5:15 They came to Jesus and saw the man who had been demon-possessed by the legion, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.

Mark 5:16, 17 The eyewitnesses described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and told them about the pigs. Then they began to beg Him to leave their region.

Mark 5:18 As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed kept begging Him to be with Him.

Mark 5:19, 20 But He would not let him; instead, He told him, “Go back home to your own people, and report to them how much the Lord has done for you and how He has had mercy on you. “ So he went out and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and they were all amazed.

So what do we learn from the story?

I. Jesus love those who others despise, fear and flee from. He is the friend of hardened sinners.

II. Jesus can change anyone!

III. It is far more comfortable to be huddled up with Jesus and fellow believers, but He has put us on mission in the world.