

Jesus: Lord Over the Spirits (Mark 5:1-20)

- Two extremes give Satan satisfaction: denial of his existence & fixation with him
- Vs1-2 Christ's encounter with the demoniac happened the morning after the storm
- Jesus came straight from his confrontation with the storm in nature to confront an equally violent storm in human nature.
- The Gerasenes on the other side of the lake were unclean: Jews, Gentiles mingled

I. The Utter Despair of Demonization (5:1-5)

- Mark gives us the most vivid description of this poor man who was demonized
 - He situation was so bad: many demons tormented him & he lived like a savage
- 1) The man lives among the tombs (5:3-5): dead means bones & vermin
 - 2) No one could restrain him (5:3b-5) he had been cuffed & shackled
 - 3) He constantly screams out and cuts himself with sharp stones (5:5) he would scream intermittently & gash himself with stones to try to drive the demons out

II. Jesus Confronts the Spirits & Delivers the Man (5:6-13)

- 1) The panic of demons (6,7) they beg Jesus not to torment them before their time
 - 2) The plea of demons (8-13) Jesus commanded them to come out of the man
 - a. Jesus asks their name & they request to be sent into the herd of pigs (vs.9-12)
- A legion consisted of 6000 foot soldiers plus 125 horsemen & other specialists
 - b. The result: they enter the pigs & the pigs rush into the water & drown (vs.13)

III. The Village's Unbelief and Outrage (5:14-17)

- 1) What they see (14-16) a former madman now clothed & in his right mind
- Luke's accounts says the man was sitting at the feet of Jesus (Luke 8:35)
- 2) What they say (17) they all urge Jesus to go away & leave them alone
- There is a sense of anger, this Jesus was the loss of their lucrative business

IV. A Restored Man & His Godly Desire (5:18-20)

- 1) The request by the man (18) He begs to be allowed to go with Jesus
- 2) Jesus's reply (19-20) Jesus tells him, Go home & share with his family & friends the 'good tidings' of what has happened to you. Note Jesus tells him what to say
 - a. *Tell them what the Lord has done:* Complete & full deliverance & restoration
 - b. *Tell them how the Lord had mercy on you:* His freedom is all of Christ's mercy