

## The Showdown by the Sea Mark 5:1-20

**One Main Point:** Jesus is the sovereign Lord and **promised Messiah**.

### Scene 1 : Two Spirit-Empowered Men Face Off

- Gadara: A **Gentile** region on the eastern side of the sea of Galilee
- The **tomb-dweller** charges toward Jesus
  - Mark's vivid description
- The unclean Spirit **submits**—and with a high Christology.
- A **demonic** prayer request
  - “I adjure you by God!” | A reverse-**exorcism** attempt
  - Legion, the **demon-beggar**
  - Prayer request granted!
  - Jesus, the **demon-drowner**

### Scene 2: An Ironic, Tragic Response

- Fear instead of **relief** or gratitude
  - The replay
- The demons beg for permission to stay, the townspeople beg for Jesus **to depart**.
  - The townspeople would rather have order and **safety** than an omnipotent Savior.

### Scene 3: The Third Beggar

- Jesus heads out
- A **petition** to be on Jesus' ministry team
- Request **not granted**—there is another path.
  - Deliverance proclaimed in the **Decapolis**

### Encountering the Messiah

- Which one is greater in our lives—**fear of the Lord** or fear of... anything else?
- Are we content with joining Jesus **on mission** in ways that don't feel thrilling or fit our preferred picture of service to God?