

"L J Got Saved!"

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Gospel of Mark / Mark 5:1–20

Let's take notice of the events here and discover again, who Jesus is and how He works in our lives.

The power of Jesus over sin and the Devil. (vv.3-8 [9-13])

How many of us are bound in chains to an habitual sin we cannot get free from? (vv. 3-4)

- Jesus absolutely is more powerful than the hold sin has on you.
- We see it in the cry of the unclean spirit, "In God's name don't torture me!".
- We see it in the command, "Come out of this man, you impure spirit," and the immediate obedience that followed.
- We see it in the change that at once took place in him that was possessed: he was found "sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind."
- We see it in the petition of all the demons,—“send us into the pigs,” confessing their weakness that they could do nothing without His permission.

All these things show that one mightier than Satan was there.

“Where the word of the king is, there is power.” (Eccles. 8:4.)

The purpose and plan Jesus gives his followers (vv.18-19)

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¹⁸ As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him.

¹⁹ Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

The man wanted to go away with Jesus, but Jesus refused to take him.

- Our Lord saw better than he did in what way he could glorify God most.

The point is not that all believers should stay at home, but that all believers should be sold-out to Jesus' plan no matter where they are directed.

The persuasiveness of your personal testimony (vv. 19-20)

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¹⁹ Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

²⁰ So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

You are the worlds' foremost authority on what Jesus did for you.

- Our job is not to convince a lost person to follow Christ.
- Our job is not to convict a lost person of their sinfulness.
- Our job is to communicate that Jesus saved us from the penalty of sin.

Take this with you...

- Some who were told what Jesus did were afraid and some were amazed.
 - Some will reject you because they do not want to admit their need for a powerful Savior.

- This week pray for an opportunity to use a personal story to introduce someone to Jesus.