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## Voice of ONE

Is this outcast and tormented man beyond help?

**Mark 5:1-5** "So they (**JESUS** and **His** disciples) arrived at the opposite shore of the Lake, in the country of the Gerasenes - (Gadarenes, Gk- Gadarenos = reward at the end. for six miles South East, was Gadara, the Capital of the Roman Province of Peraea on the summit of a mountain. And between Gadara and Lake Galilee there is a deep, almost impassable ravine of the Hieromax.

**At once** (immediately recognizing **His** Authority), **on His** (**JESUS**) **landing, there came from the tombs** (monuments for preserving and recalling the memory of) **to meet Him a man** (homeless & outcast) **possessed by a foul spirit. This man lived among the tombs, nor could any one now se-**



**cure him even with a chain** (no one was powerful enough to restrain him while he was under Daemonic influence and it's possession); **for many a time he had been left securely bound in fetters** (shackles on the feet) **and chains, but afterwards the chains lay torn link from link, and the fetters in fragments, and there was no one strong enough to master** (Tame) **him. And constantly** (without reprieve, or rest), **day and night, he remained among the tombs or on the hills, shrieking** (crying, screaming), **and mangling** (cutting) **himself with sharp stones."**



**BUT WHEN HE SAW JESUS:**

**Mark 5:6-8.** **And when he saw JESUS** -(God is Salvation) **in the distance, he ran and threw himself at His feet** (doing homage to a Being of Superior Rank), **crying out in a loud** (Daemon exercised, mega derogatory) **voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, JESUS, Son of GOD Most High?** (Highest region of rank and Deity in the highest Heavens). **In GOD'S name I implore Thee not to torment me."** (put me to the test for impurity & uncleanness. Here we notice the



**Spiritual Authority of JESUS, The Christ,** over the Fallen archangel Lucifer and his daemons or unclean & evil angels). **For He had said to him, "Foul spirit, come out of the man."**

(A Command was spoken in full Authority of **Deity**, and no lesser being could ignore it, so he came imploring options in this departure from the man! Because, this foul spirit drew this human out of society to torment him, they feared their own just punishment by **GOD**. So **Christ** sent them into the society of swine that they deserved.

## DAEMONS ARE CONFRONTED BY THE CHRIST

**Mark 5:9-12** "JESUS also questioned him. "What is your name? He said.

(JESUS knew what they were).

"Legion," he replied, "for there are a host of us"



(a Legion in the days of Augustus Caesar, was a body of

soldiers which consisted of 6100 foot soldiers, and 726 horsemen) And he earnestly entreated Him not to send them away out of the country.

Feeding there, on the mountain slope, was a great (2000) herd of swine. So they besought (begged) JESUS. "Send (dismiss) us to the swine," they said, "so that we may enter into them."

(swine were also unclean, for unclean



spirits always gravitate toward the unclean creature, but can the frail creature withstand the force, of first, the influence and finally the total Possession?

Modern men have little understanding of 'daemon influences and possession' & their torment of human Souls!

## THE DAEMONIC LEGION IS CAST INTO THE SWINE WHO THEN STAMPEED.

**Mark 5:13** He gave them leave; (Transfer Orders) and the foul spirits (the whole Legion of them) came out and entered into the swine, and the herd--about 2,000 in number--rushed headlong down the cliff into the Lake and were drowned in the lake.

(Here we began to see the influence and force of what was driving the poor man 'insane' and why no amount of chains and shackles could contain or restrain him for very long. Let's be realistic here, judging by the number of swine available, in comparison to

the Number 'a Legion of daemons', could have contained, the poor swine could have been over run by 3 or more daemons each. The demons set the swine in rapid impetuous motion down a steep precipice into the deadly sea, driving them where they should not go).



## A MAN DELIVERED, SAVED, AND IN HIS RIGHT MIND

**Mark 5:14-17** "And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. and when they came to JESUS, they beheld the demoniac quietly seated, clothed and of sane mind--the man who had had 'the legion'; and they were awe-stricken. And those who had seen it

told them the particulars of what had happened to the demoniac, and all about the (2,000) swine.

Then they began entreating Him to depart from their district.

(JESUS didn't come to care for pigs, but to Deliver, Save and Feed His People. In the world, some men's priorities are off set, often caring more for animals than Men).



These pig farmers could have Worshipped the Son of GOD, for Delivering and Saving that human Soul, so far gone down the cliffs of life, that none of them could help him, anymore. But, "it's the Economy" they were concerned about their poor 2,000 pigs, more than human life and it's value. They had the Supreme Lord who withstood a Legion, in their very presence, but they abandoned Him.

But this poor man, with the demon legion commanded out of his life, was his Own Self finally, and set totally Free!

## REWARDS FOR EVIL?

**INFLUENCE IS A VERY SUTTLE THING.** Some-



times **the carrot** looks so good, we don't watch where we were going, where it's leading us in the End. It is so easy to 'be lead away' from what brings true happiness and enjoyment in life. When

we sense any **Influence**, we need to take stock and be real honest with ourselves, "is this **Influence** for good or for evil? Will it lead me where I should go, or where **it** wants to take me? Will **it** improve my family life or destroy it? The devil uses many daemons to herd people towards destruction.

## REWARDS FOR GOOD !

But all who are discerning, will seek only **the Influence of the Good and Holy GOD, And His Christ !**

**Heb. 11:6** "But where there is no faith it is impossible truly to please **Him**; for **the man who draws near to God** must believe that there is **A GOD** and that **He proves Himself a rewarder** of those who **earnestly Seek** to find **Him**."

## GOD CARES FOR FAMILIES:

**Mark 5:18-19** **As He was embarking, the man who had been possessed asked permission To Accompany Him. But He would not allow it. "Go home to your family," He said, "and report to them all that the Lord (Supreme in Authority) has done for you, and the mercy He has shown you"**.

(**The Supreme Lord** had great Compassion on him). But **the Lord** wanted to restore This Man To his Family, and household!

Now, consider this, with me: what was this Man's home life like, before he yielded to and was influ-

enced and possessed by these Daemons? Did he have a Dad and Mom, Sister or Brother, Wife or Children back home? Did this Oppression by Daemons drive him from society and ruin his home life? It gradually Destroyed his Personality, to the Extreme dis-function, and dis-ease he was experiencing when **Christ** found him in such awful condition? Well, one thing is for sure, **JESUS** wanted to extend **His** Compassion all the way back to this man's household and Family!

Also Consider this: Since

his countrymen had already asked **JESUS** to leave the district, would his household be excited about this man's homecoming? Surely they had heard about his Deliverance and Restoration to Health by now. Would **they** also have pity on him and show similar **Christ** like Compassion in Accepting him Back Into the Family? Now that he was quiet, calm, and of Sane mind and behavior. Would they also receive, **the Divine Grace**, and **JESUS The CHRIST**? Would they now be a **happy Christian Family**, enjoying all the time they could be at Home Together. Forever Grateful to **the Savior**, Thankful to be finally Emotionally Well Together . Sharing Together Again the beautiful and simple things of life.



## A Man Heralding Great Mercy & Compassion

This man so wanted to follow his **Savior**, but **JESUS** had other work for him to do! **JESUS** Sent him back home to Family and Friends to tell them, not of **His** Supreme Power, but of **the Great Mercy and Compassion He**

showed him, in his misery.

**Mark 5:20** "So the man departed, and related publicly everywhere in the Ten Towns (Gadara, Pella, Gerasa, Philadelphia, Scythopolis, Raphana, Dion, Hipus, Canatha & Damascus) **All That JESUS Had Done For him; and All were Astonished."**

While the Gadarenes People Rejected **JESUS**, a Crowd of excited Followers were already gathering just on the other side of the Sea to Receive Him, - "**The Healer**" -Back There With them! (continue read **Mark 5:21**).

And the man Delivered, went out with great Joy to tell everyone about **JESUS, The Savior!**

## **THE POWER OF HUMAN CHOICE IN THE SPIRITUAL WORLD:**

No one is beyond hope or help from **JESUS Christ the Compassionate Savior.**

The power of human choice is the first step towards **Spiritual Freedom.**

**JESUS Christ will Deliver** all who come down to **Worship at His feet.**

Even this man in this account, **made his choice** to come down before **JESUS**, he could have very easily, in his condition, ran farther away from **The Christ.**

**JESUS Christ** gives **His** disciples **Authority over foul spirits, to drive them out,** and to cure every disease and infirmity. Matt 10:1, 8, 26, 40. Mark 6:7. Luke 10:17-24.

**Matt 11:28** **"Come to me, all you toiling and burdened ones, and I will give you rest. —JESUS.**

Once the man is free, he must continue to Chose all that **Christ** has for his life., so that his life is Filled Completely With **GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT.** There will be no room left for demon re-entry.

## **Never give up on a human soul, with Christ there is always Hope!**

Oh, how easy it is to get frustrated and Give Up On a Frail Human Being! Yet, **JESUS**, Set Out in the dark, Passed Through the Stormy Sea to Get to where **He** could Deliver a Possessed Human Soul. So much to go through, ....Just for One Poor Man.

**Mark 4:35** **The same day, in the evening, He said to them, "Let us cross to the other side." So they got away from the crowd, and took Him--as He was--in the boat; and other boats accompanied Him. But a heavy squall came on, and the waves were now dashing into the boat, so that it was fast filling.**

Now, **JESUS** could have 'stayed safely' on the other side of the Sea, instead of Facing The Storm to help people on the other side of the Galilee.

But **He** was not overly concerned about protecting **Himself.** In fact **He** slept peacefully as The Storm Was Building upon them.

**Mark 4:38** **But He Himself was in the stern asleep, with His head on the cushion: so they woke Him. "Rabbi," they cried, "is it nothing to you that we are drowning?" So He roused Himself and rebuked the wind, and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" The Wind Sank, and A Perfect Calm Set in."**

As many Travel Through The Storms of life, they let **JESUS** Sleep.... in back of 'their ship'. Fortunately for these disciples, They Cried Out and Got His Attention, And They Were Delivered!

All who Walk in any measure of Authority, must, at times, Face The Storms of godless public opinion that would hinder outreach to the most needy human Souls.

Many States don't even maintain enough hospital

beds to take in The Mentally ill, so they linger months in Jail without treatment or medications.

In so Rich a Nation, we have Budget cuts against such Care Agencies as Department of Children & Families, in whose care the mentally ill fall.

As **Christian Churches**, we must reach past The Political Storms to Where the Most Needy are Incarcerated, if we would **Bring Them JESUS** the Deliverer.

**Then The KING will say to those at His right, "Come, my Father's blessed ones, receive your inheritance of the Kingdom which has been divinely intended for you ever since the creation of the world. For when I was hungry, you gave me food; when I was thirsty, you gave me drink; when I was homeless, you gave me a welcome; when I was ill-clad, you clothed me; when I was sick, you visited me; when I was in prison, you came to see me. Mt 25:34.**