

Are Demons Involved in Sickness? (Mark 5:1-17)

Jesus Our Healer – Part 3
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Acts 10:38 (NIV) how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

1. _____ the effects of demons

Mark 5:2 (NIV) When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an evil spirit came from the tombs to meet him.

A. Demons disrupt _____

Mark 5:3 (NIV) This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him any more, not even with a chain.

B. Demons give supernatural _____

Mark 5:4 (NIV) For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him.

C. Demons cause _____

Mark 5:5 (NIV) Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

2. _____ the oppressed person

A. _____ them to Jesus

Mark 5:6-7 (NIV) When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want

with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won't torture me!"

B. Pray for _____ in Jesus' name

Mark 5:8-9 (NIV) For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you evil spirit!" Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many."

Mark 5:10-13 (NIV) And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area. A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." He gave them permission, and the evil spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

3. Give God _____

A. Give God glory for bringing _____

Mark 5:15 (NIV) When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.

B. Give God glory for restoring _____

Mark 5:19 (NIV) Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."

C. Give God glory by _____ others

Mark 5:20 (NIV) 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.

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Study Guide

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Intro. Why do you think churches in America today talk very little about Satan and demons?

What does Peter's summary of Jesus' ministry in Acts 10:38 tell you of the importance of setting people free from the devil's power?

- 1A. In what ways did the demons disrupt relationships for the man (Mark 5:2-3)? How do they disrupt relationships today in our society?
- 1B. What kinds of supernatural powers can demons give to people (Mark 5:4, Acts 16:16)?
- 1C. Why did the demons cause the man to harm himself (Mark 5:5)? In ways do they do this today?
- 1D. What doorways of sin do you think would open a person up to demonic influence?

- 2A. Describe what you think is going on in this interaction between the man, Jesus and the demons (Mark 5:6-7).
- 2B. Why did the demons not want to be sent to the Abyss (Mark 5:8-13, Luke 8:31)?
- 2C. Why would it be important for believers to have the gift of distinguishing between spirits (1 Corinthians 12:7-10)? What should be our attitude toward spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 14:1)?
- 2D. How would you pray for someone you thought might be struggling with demonic influence in their life?
- 3A. Describe the transformation of the man by Jesus' power (Mark 5:15). Why were the people afraid (Mark 5:16-17)?
- 3B. How did telling others about what Jesus did for him bring God glory (Mark 5:18-20)? How did it strengthen the man?
- 3C. Why is it important that those set free from demons be filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:24-26)?