

## Study Guide

### Mark 5:1-20

**Theme:** If Jesus is Greater, then I'll run to Him.

1. Read Mark 5:1-5. Discuss together the effects of our enemy (unclean, isolated, over-powered, tormented...). How have you seen him bring damage and loss to people?
2. Discuss the purposes and tactics of Satan?
  - a. Purpose- John 10:10; 1 Pet. 5:8-9
  - b. Tactics- 2 Cor. 11:14; John 8:44; Eph. 2:2; Rev. 12:10
3. Read Mark 5:6-13. Discuss the difference Jesus makes when He arrives. How does He command authority over evil?
4. Read Mark 5:14-20. Discuss what may be some of the purposes of God revealed through evil?
  - a. To reveal the glory of God.
  - b. To reveal the need for a decision.
  - c. To reveal our dependence on God.
  - d. To reveal the mission of God.
5. Theme: If Jesus is greater, then I'll run to him.  
Once we are aware of the schemes and limitations of the evil one, what does it look like for us to "run to Jesus"?

## Message Slides

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#### **A. My Enemy (v.1-5)**

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones.

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1. Unclean
2. Isolated
3. Over-powered
4. Tormented

#### **Who is Satan? 30,000-foot-view**

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1. Purpose- To break your union with God and destroy you. (John 10:10; 1 Peter 5:8-9)
2. Tactics-

"Angel of Light" (2 Cor. 11:14)

**Attraction**

"Father of Lies" (John 8:44)

**Deception**

"Prince of the Power of the Air" (Eph. 2:2)

**Saturation**

"Accuser of the Brethren"(Rev. 12:10)

**Accusation**

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#### **B. The Authority of Jesus (v.6-13)**

And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!"

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1. We Come Desperate (v.6)
2. We Come to the Most High God (v.7-13)

#### **Hebrews 1:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

### **B. The Authority of Jesus (...continued)**

<sup>5</sup>And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." <sup>6</sup>And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. <sup>7</sup>Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, <sup>8</sup>and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." <sup>9</sup>So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

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### **C. The Purposes of God (v.14-20)**

<sup>14</sup>The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. <sup>15</sup>And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup>And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. <sup>17</sup>And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. <sup>18</sup>As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. <sup>19</sup>And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." <sup>20</sup>And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

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1. To Reveal the Glory of God
2. To Reveal the Need for a Decision
3. To Reveal our Dependence on God
4. To Reveal the Mission of God

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1. Scripture- Truth
2. Prayer- Don't only seek deliverance but ultimately transformation.
3. Fellowship- A safe-guard

