

Of Demons & Men

(Mark 5:1-20)

- Introduction:
1. Wouldn't you like to have been able to walk with Jesus during a typical week in his life?
 2. I have often wondered what it must have been like to have seen the miracles he performed and the impact those miracles had on people.
 3. His life seems so "action packed," with never a dull moment.
 4. Mark 5 records the healing of a demonic man.
 5. As we examine this lesson, I want you to take notice of how men can be just as antagonistic to Jesus, and a hindrance to his cause as the demons, themselves.

I. The Narrative

- A. Jesus comes to the land of the Gadarenes (5:1).
- B. He find a man, out of his mind, possessed with demons (5:2-5).
- C. Jesus casts the demons out of this man (5:12-13).
- D. The locals pleaded with Jesus to leave their country (5:15-17).
- E. The man who was delivered wished to follow Jesus but was told to return to his home and tell his friends what had been done for him (5:19-20).

II. Lessons We Can Learn

- A. The man was drawn to Jesus but fearful of Him.
 1. (Mark 5:6-7).
 2. How many times are we our own worst enemy?
 3. (Acts 24:25).
 4. We often put off what we know we should do (James 4:13-16).
- B. The people pled with Jesus to leave.
 1. (Mark 5:17).
 2. They were so blinded by their own interests, they couldn't see the great deed that was done!
 3. (Romans 12:10-15).
 4. (1 Peter 3:8).
- C. Jesus made this man's home his mission.
 1. (Mark 5:19-20).
 2. One need not go half way around the world to evangelize.
 3. One need not wait till he goes half way around the world to evangelize.
 4. Your own home; family and friends is your mission.

- Conclusion:
1. I believe from this account that we can see that the demons weren't the only hindrance to Jesus.
 2. Men can get in the way by hindering others, or hindering self.
 3. If you need healed, don't let yourself or others keep you from Jesus.