

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

“His Outreach”

(Mark 5:1-20)

- Introduction:
1. Ills. of church in Washington D.C. that is aimed for “hip, theologically conservative churches for young urban professionals.”
 2. Can you imagine the Great Commission through this filter? – “Go into all the gated communities and preach the gospel to young people who have good paying jobs.”
 3. This “tailored church” is an affront to the gospel of Christ and the universal outreach of Jesus.
 4. Isn’t interesting that Jesus turned away a rich, young, ruler on one occasion (Mark 10:17-22) but sought after one who many would never try to reach.
 5. Let’s examine this event.

I. The Reality of the Man’s Situation

- A. (Mark 5:1-5).
- B. He was possessed by an unclean spirit was anti-social and self-destructive.
- C. While one may not be demon-possessed today, do we not see people who are just as anti-social and self-destructive?
- D. Think of all the excuses that could have been offered for not getting involved.

II. The Response to Jesus’ Kindness

- A. (Mark 5:6-18).
- B. The people wanted him to leave.
 1. To them, Jesus was too costly.
 2. They were more concerned about their wealth than a soul.
- C. The man who was healed wanted to follow him.
 1. He was aware of his indebtedness.
 2. Helping people understand what Jesus had done for them still has this effect.

III. The Results of Jesus’ Compassion

- A. (Mark 5:19-20).
- B. Jesus told him to go home and tell others what he had done for him.
- C. This good news was not to be kept quiet.
- D. This man went to Decapolis to tell others what Jesus had done for him.

- Conclusion:
1. It should not be our aim to have a church full of people just like we are.
 2. The gospel is for all.
 3. Let’s make sure that we don’t decide for others whether they want the gospel or not.