

THE GOSPEL OF  
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## CHAPTER 5, PART 1

*Verses 1-20*

### THE POWER OF JESUS

So far in our study of Mark, we have seen Jesus teaching His disciples many lessons in the surrounding area of the Sea of Galilee. Each of these new lessons have revealed new and wonderful truths about who He is. The disciples have learned that Jesus forgives sins, heals diseases, and casts out demons. The disciples had just experienced Jesus having authority over the wind and the sea and were learning they never needed to be afraid of anything because Jesus had complete and continual control of every situation. In Chapter 5, the disciples will learn and experience the power of Jesus.

#### MEMORY VERSE

*However Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, 'Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.'* **Mark 5:19**

**As you read Mark 5:1-20**, walk with Jesus and experience His compassionate power displayed to this tormented man who was suffering, remembering that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow (see Hebrews 13:8).

#### VICTORY OVER DEMONS

##### DID YOU KNOW?

Matthew refers to Gadarenes as Gergesenes as do other manuscripts. Gadarenes were the inhabitants of Gadara, and this is the land that was originally given to the tribe of Gad on the southeast side of the Sea of Galilee.

1. After Jesus had rebuked and calmed a storm on the sea of Galilee, He and His disciples landed on the shore in the country of the Gadarenes. As they got out of the boat, who immediately came and met them? Where did he come from (vv.1-2)?

2. Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee and went through a violent storm for one soul. Describe below the man Jesus encountered.

a. Where he lived and his strength (vv.3-4):

b. His daily behavior (v.5):

c. What he wore (See Luke 8:27):

“About all that society can do for problem people is to isolate them, put them under guard and, if necessary, bind them (Luke 8:29). Often these men were chained, but the demons gave them strength to break the chains. Even the attempts to tame these men had failed ... Not only did Jesus come to them, but He spoke to them and permitted them to speak to Him. The citizens of that area avoided the two demoniacs, but Jesus treated them with love and respect. He came to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10).” *Warren Wiersbe*

3. Here Mark paints a very vivid picture of a tormented soul. When did this tormented man see Jesus and what did he do (v.6)?

4. What conflicting actions did he take towards Jesus? What was speaking through the man (vv.6-7)?

“It was the man who worshipped Jesus, not the demon. He was afraid of Jesus. He suffered from what I suppose would be called spiritual schizophrenia, a split personality. Sometimes it is the man and sometimes it is the demon speaking.” *J. Vernon McGee*

5. How did the demon identify Jesus? What did he ask of Jesus and beg Jesus not to do? How did Jesus respond (vv.7-8)?

**DID YOU KNOW?**

A legion was the largest unit of the Roman army, consisting of 3000 to 6000 soldiers. This man was possessed by many demons.

6. Jesus conversed with the demon; what did Jesus ask him (v.9)?

7. As the demons answered Jesus's question, what did they beg Jesus earnestly not to do? Where were they willing to go (vv.9-12)?

8. What did Jesus do "at once"? What was the result (v.13)?

9. Jesus's permission gave the man physical evidence that the legion of demons had been removed from him. He was now cleansed and healed. There was no doubt of what had occurred. Who else witnessed and/or were told of the deliverance firsthand (vv.14-15)?

**DID YOU KNOW?**

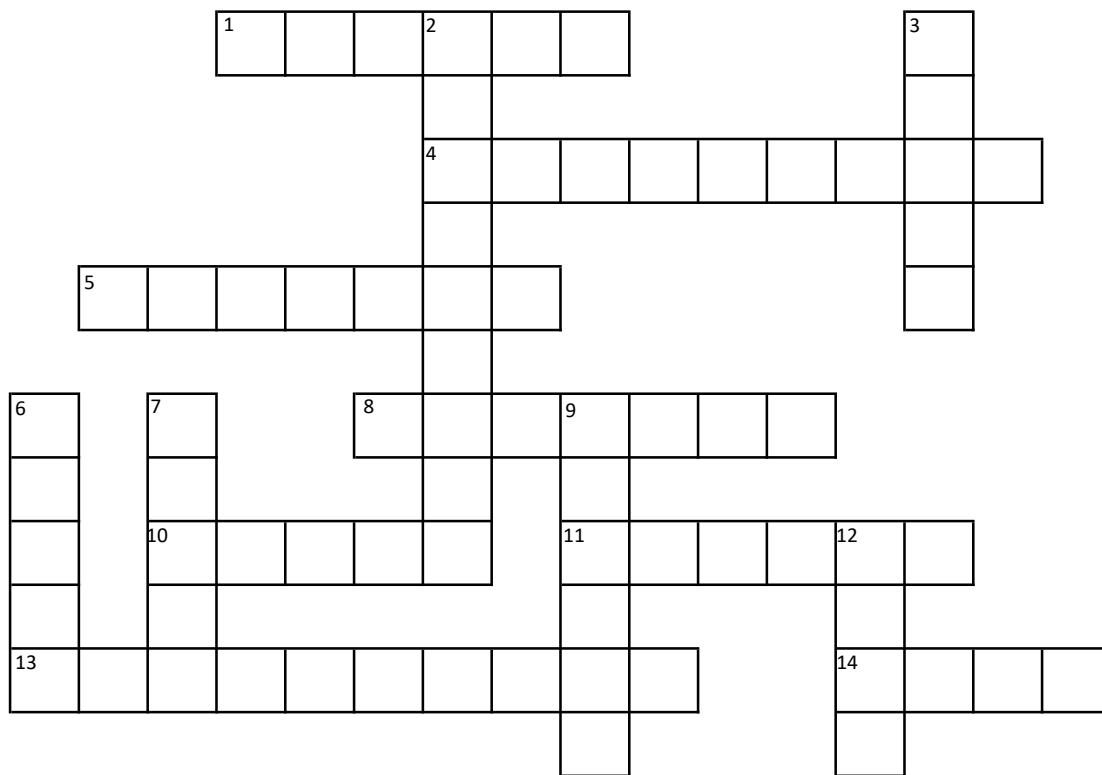
Gadarenes was now a Gentile region which would explain how a herd of pigs would be involved.

10. Those who fed the swine fled and spread the news of what Jesus had just done. What was the response of the people who came to Jesus and who saw the previously demon-possessed man? What did the people plead for Jesus to do (vv.14-17)?
  
11. After such a wonderful miracle of saving this man's life, why would the people want Jesus to leave their region? What were they afraid of? Think about the opportunity these people missed; share your thoughts.
  
12. As Jesus was getting into the boat, what did the man who had been demon possessed beg of Jesus? Why did Jesus not permit this healed man to follow Him (vv.18-20)?
  
13. What kind of an effective witness can you imagine this man had on his family, friends and community? How has Jesus compassionately and powerfully transformed your life? What kind of witness are you for Jesus?

### **DWELL ON THIS**

In today's lesson we see that Jesus cares for each individual person. With this demon possessed man we learn that Jesus traveled over the Sea of Galilee and endured a violent storm for just one man to be delivered from a legion of demons. "...Go Home to your friends and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you and how the Lord has had compassion on you."

## Mark 5:1-20 - A Demon-possessed Man Healed



### ACROSS

- 1) What Legion earnestly did to Jesus
- 4) Where the healed man began to proclaim
- 5) What the demon-possessed man said to Jesus - "I \_\_\_\_\_ you..."
- 8) What type of spirits possessed the man?
- 10) Where the demon-possessed man lived
- 11) Where Jesus told the man to go after being healed
- 13) What Jesus gave Legion

### DOWN

- 2) Name of the country on the other side of the sea
- 3) What type of herd the unclean spirits entered
- 6) Description of the "place" where the swine ran down.
- 7) To go in...what the demons asked to do
- 9) Name of the unclean spirits
- 12) After healing, the man was in his right \_\_\_\_\_
- 14) The unclean spirit said, "My \_\_\_\_\_ is....."

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