

Title: "No Name"

Text: Mark 5:1-20

Target: "No names" in the Bible are the places where we get to fill in ours.

- I. **A Life That's Shattered:** *"And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs, a man with an unclean spirit."* (Vs. 2)
 - A. **Separated & Alone:** *"lived among the tombs"* (Vs. 3a)
 - B. **Stripped from Clothes:** *"wore no clothes"* (Luke 8:27)
 - C. **Supernaturally Bound:** *"for he had often been bound with shackles and chains"* (Vs. 4a)
 - D. **Self Harm:** *"Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones."* (Vs. 5)

- II. **A Name that's Greater:** *"What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me."* (Vs. 7)
 - A. **Demons Recognize Authority:** *"Son of the Most High God"*
 - B. **Demons Know the Future:** *"do not torment me"*
 - C. **Demons Occupy Strongholds:** *"And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country."* (Vs. 10)
 - D. **Demons Need Permission:** *"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."* (Vs. 13)

- III. **A Mission that Matters:** *"And people came to see what it was that had happened."* (Vs. 14)
 - A. **No Fear:** *"And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid."* (Vs. 15)
 1. **Changed:** *"had the legion"*
 2. **Companionship:** *"sitting there"*
 3. **Covered:** *"clothed"*
 4. **Calm:** *"right mind"*
 - B. **People over Profit:** *"And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region."* (Vs. 17)
 - C. **Start at Home:** *"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.'"* (Vs. 19)

Takeaway: You are not a "has been"; you are a "had been"! (Vs. 18)