

The Signs: Uncontrollable Evil & the Miracle of Mercy

Mark 5:1-20

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- Last Week: Mark 4:35-41 The Signs: Turmoil & The Miracle of Faith
- Miracles Are Sign Posts That Make Us Seriously Ask— Who Is Jesus?

The Reality & Complexity Of Evil

1. Evil Is _____

- Evil Is Personal, Present & _____ (**Mark 5:2-13**)
- **ἀκαθάρτω** (akatharto) - moral impurity, unclean, impure, uncleansed (**Mark 5:2**)
- Even To Touch A Grave Was To Be Unclean For 7 Days (**Numbers 19:16**)

2. Evil Is Complex (**Matthew 10:1**)

- Evil Is Not Only _____ But _____ (**Mark 5:2**)
- Evil Is Not Only _____ But _____ (**Mark 5:3-4**)
- Evil Is Not Only _____ But _____ (**Mark 5:2, 6-13**)

The Process Of Evil

1. The Demoniac Had Not Always Been This Way (**Mark 5:3-4**)

2. The Bible Teaches About _____ (**Mark 5:3-4, 2 Timothy 3:13**)

3. We Ourselves Are In This Process When We Harbor _____ (**Ephesians 4:26-27**)

4. We Ourselves Are In This Process When We Harbor _____ (**1 Timothy 3:6**)

5. When We Worship & Depend On Anything In The Place Of Jesus The Process Toward Evil Begins, & Becomes Uncontrollable (**Mark 5:14-17, Romans 1**)

6. What Is Most Valuable To You Controls You (**Mark 5:17**)

7. On Our Own Evil Is Unmanageable & _____ (**Mark 5:5, 13, 16-17**)

How Mercy Overcomes Evil

1. Jesus Is The _____ Who Overcomes Evil—Jesus Is Our _____ (**Mark 5:8, 19**)

- **ἐλεέω** (eleeo) - to be greatly concerned about someone in need, have mercy, pity, and compassion (**Mark 5:19**)

2. Jesus Can _____ The Person While They Are In Their Sin

- The Jews Had A _____ Dilemma (**Mark 5:1-2**)
- The Gentiles Had A _____ Dilemma (**Mark 5:13-17**)

3. The Demons Are _____ In Jesus' Presence

- Look At Jesus' Power Over Evil—He Is Power (**Mark 5: 4, 6-13**)
- Jesus' Power Is Used To Show Mercy To This Man (**Mark 5:2-20**)
- It Is Troubling That Jesus Can Take Care Of Trouble That No One Else Can Handle

4. He Freely Gives _____ : This Is The Miracle Of _____ (**Mark 5:19**)

5. He _____ Evil By _____ The Evil: In This Story & In The Gospel (**Mark 5:17-20**)

6. Mercy _____ Us (**Mark 5:15**)

7. Mercy _____ Us (**Mark 5:19**)

- **παρακαλέω** (parakaleo) - to ask to come and be present where the speaker is, *call to one's side*, appeal to, urge, exhort, encourage, request (**Mark 5:10, 12, 17, 19**)

8. Mercy Bears The Fruit Of _____ (**Mark 5:20**)

Jesus' Miracles Are Signposts That Point To The Massive Miracle Of His Mercy

Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. Evil is real and complex. What are some of the evils you see in the world today that concern you?
2. Why is evil so unmanageable and uncontrollable? Why do people sometimes think they can control evil?
3. Why were the people afraid when they saw the man who had been possessed "sitting there, clothed and in his right mind"?
4. What do you suppose the demoniac said to his family?
5. What is the most dramatic change you have ever seen in someone's behavior? What is the most dramatic transformation you have seen Jesus Christ work in someone's life?
6. Why is mercy so important? Even miraculous?

Suggested Reading: *Screwtape Letters*, by C.S. Lewis

Key Words For Kids To Count: Evil