

**In My Right Mind**  
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**Mark 5:1-13** “They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. And crying out with a loud voice, he said, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.” For he was saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him, saying, “Send us to the pigs; let us enter them.” 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.”

**-Things The Church Should Learn From This Man-Sometimes...**

**There Is No Simple** \_\_\_\_\_ “And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit.” (V.2)

**Mark 1:23-24** “And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with *an unclean spirit*. And he cried out, ‘**What have you to do with us**, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.’ ”

**There Is More Comfort Living Among The Dead Than Among The** \_\_\_\_\_ “He lived among the tombs.” (V.3)

**John 9:1-2** “As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ ”

**Matthew 9:36** “When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

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**Romans 7:18** “For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.”

**There Appears To Be No** \_\_\_\_\_ “Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones.” (v.5)

**Ephesians 2:12-13** “...remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

**The Reason Jesus Came...**

**1 John 3:8** “The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.”