

SERMON NOTES

THE GRAVEYARD NOBODY WANTED TO CROSS

MARK 5:1-20

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MARK 4:35-41

Jesus Crossed the Storm for One Man

KEY TRUTH

Jesus crossed a storm for one man everybody else had crossed off.

The storm was not the destination. It was resistance on the way to someone whom an entire region had stopped trying to help. Jesus did not arrive at the tombs by accident. He chose the crossing because one wounded life still mattered.

LISTEN FOR THESE TRUTHS

- The disciples saw a storm; Jesus saw the person waiting on the other side.
- Resistance does not always mean you are going the wrong direction.
- Nobody is too forgotten, isolated, or far gone for Jesus to pursue.

Who have I quietly stopped believing can be reached?

Where might resistance be trying to keep me from obeying God?



MARK 5:1-13

Jesus Is Not Intimidated by Your Legion

KEY TRUTH

Jesus walked straight into the graveyard, heard how bad it was, and did not back up.

The man lived among the dead, shattered restraints, cried through the night, and wounded himself. The town had learned to manage the danger, but Jesus came to restore the man. His condition was severe, but it was never stronger than Christ.

WHAT THE TOMBS REPRESENT

- ISOLATION** The place where people stop calling, checking, and expecting change.
- IDENTITY** The lie that your bondage, failure, or pain has become your permanent name.
- TORMENT** The inner voices that keep saying there is no way out and no future left.
- AUTHORITY** Jesus stands unmoved before everything that has tried to control you.

What “graveyard” have I accepted as a permanent address?

What chain, label, or voice do I need to surrender to Jesus?

MARK 5:14-20

Your Graveyard Can Become Your Testimony

KEY TRUTH

Jesus did not just deliver the man. He sent him home as living proof of God's compassion.

The same man who once screamed among the tombs was found sitting, clothed, and in his right mind. The crowd asked Jesus to leave, but the restored man wanted to follow Him. Jesus gave him a mission: go home and tell what the Lord has done.

MY RESPONSE

- ☐ I will believe that Jesus is willing to cross the storm to reach me.
- ☐ I will stop calling permanent what Jesus has the authority to change.
- ☐ I will let the place of my deepest pain become evidence of His mercy.
- ☐ I will tell my people what great things the Lord has done for me.

What has the Lord done for me that someone else needs to hear?

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, meet me in the place I thought was beyond hope. Break every chain, quiet every lying voice, restore what has been torn apart, and use my story to show someone else Your compassion. Amen.