

Spooky Scriptures, Pt. 3
"Demons in the Graveyard"
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1. The Darkness that Bound Him

Mark 5:2-5 (NKJV) *"And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones."*

A. Darkness Isolated this Man

One of the enemy's strategies is to move you toward isolation.

B. Darkness Tormented this Man

John 10:10a (NKJV) *"The thief does not come except to steal, kill and destroy."*

No matter whether you are fighting Spiritual oppression or a spiritual attack, Jesus is the answer.

John 10:10b (NKJV) *"but I have come that they would have life and have it more abundantly."*

C. What People Could Not Fix, Jesus Was About to Transform

2. The Authority that Freed Him

Mk 5:6-9 (NKJV) *"When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. And he cried out with a loud voice and said, 'What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me.' For He said to him, 'Come out of the man, unclean spirit!' Then He asked him, 'What is your name?' And he answered, saying, 'My name is Legion; for we are many.'"*

A. The Demons Recognized the Authority of Jesus

B. The Demons were Powerful, but they were not Equal to Jesus

The Power of darkness is no match for the authority of Jesus.

C. Believers don't have to be intimidated by Darkness

Luke 10:19 (NKJV) *"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."*

1 John 4:4 (NKJV) *"You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."*

3. His Testimony Set His Purpose

Mark 5:15 (NKJV) *"Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid."*

A. Radical Transformation

Jesus still transforms lives today.

B: An Encounter Leads to an Assignment

Mark 5:18-19 (NKJV) *"And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. 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.'"*

Jesus said: Go and tell everyone what the Lord has done in your life.

This means: If you have encountered Jesus, you have an assignment to tell somebody what He has done for you.

Your testimony is powerful because it is personal.

C: Jesus Didn't Just Set You Free from Something; He Set You Free for Something

Mark 5:20 (NKJV) *"And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled."*

4. This Man Was Prepared for Purpose

Here is the application for all of us:

- a) You have no idea the impact of your testimony.
 - b) Your testimony might be preparing someone else for an encounter with Jesus.
- Don't let the enemy convince you that your story is over.
 - Refuse to let your past silence your testimony.
 - Don't let fear keep you from sharing your faith.
 - Because darkness doesn't get to write the final chapter in your story... Jesus does!