



## The Gospel of Mark Following Christ

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### Authority over Demons: The Gerasene Demoniac

Mark 5:1-20

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**Theme:** By casting out multiple demons from a man in Gerasa, Jesus demonstrates His authority over Satan’s forces of darkness. The episode concludes with two very different responses to the miracle: fear and rejection by the townspeople, but gratitude and a desire to be Jesus’ disciple from the man who was healed.

### Outline

1. The Setting (5:1–5)
  - a. Arrival in Gerasa (v. 1)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Encounter with the demoniac (vv. 2–5)

2. The Confrontation and Exorcism (5:6–13)

a. The demon's challenge (vv. 6–8)

b. Jesus' question and the demon's response and request (vv. 9–12)

c. The result (v. 13)

3. The Response of the Townspeople (5:14–17)

4. The Response of the Man Healed (5:18–20)

**Takeaway:** God wants us to face the challenges in our lives with faith, not fear.

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Authority over Disease and Death

Mark 5:21-43