

When Jesus Comes to the Graveyard

Text: Mark 5:1–20

Mark chapter 5 records one of the most dramatic transformations in the entire New Testament.

A man goes from **demon possessed to delivered...**

from **naked to clothed...**

from **screaming to sitting...**

from **cutting himself to testifying for Christ.**

And the only reason it happened is because **Jesus showed up.**

There are miracles in the Bible where Jesus heals sickness.

There are miracles where Jesus calms storms.

But this miracle is different.

This is a miracle where **Jesus walks into Satan's territory and takes a man back.**

The story is about a man who was:

- Controlled by demons
- Living in a graveyard
- Completely out of control
- Totally unreachable by society

But one encounter with Jesus **changed everything.**

I. JESUS WILL GO WHERE OTHERS WILL NOT

(Mark 5:1) “And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.”

II. SIN ALWAYS TAKES YOU TO THE GRAVEYARD

(Mark 5:2–5) “And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit.”

1. He Was Controlled

“...a man with an unclean spirit.”

2. He Was Isolated

“Who had his dwelling among the tombs...” (v.3)

3. He Was Uncontrollable

“...no man could bind him, no, not with chains.”

4. He Was Tormented

“Always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying...”

5. He Was Self-Destructive

“...cutting himself with stones.”

III. EVEN DEMONS RECOGNIZE JESUS

(Mark 5:6–9)

IV. JESUS HAS AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS

(Mark 5:10–13)

V. PEOPLE SOMETIMES CARE MORE ABOUT PIGS THAN PEOPLE

(Mark 5:14–17)

Specifically:

“Him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind.”(v.15)

VI. SALVATION CHANGES EVERYTHING

(Mark 5:18–19)

VII. A TESTIMONY CAN REACH PLACES PREACHERS CANNOT

(Mark 5:20) “And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him.”

Lessons for Us Today

Let me give you several lessons from this story.

1. No One Is Too Far Gone

2. Jesus Breaks Every Chain

3. The World May Reject Jesus

4. Your Testimony Is Powerful

Conclusion