

***LIFE OF A SERVANT*****The Healing of a Demon-Possessed Man****Mark 5:1–20**

*“Tell...how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”* Mark 5:19

**Day 1: Read Mark 5:1–20.**

1. From this week’s passage what do we learn about the people who live to the east of the Sea of Galilee? Hint: What does their choice of livestock tell us about their religion/nationality and, thus, about how they are viewed by the Jews? (see Deut. 14:8)
2. Describe the man’s condition before he meets Christ. (vss. 3–5)
3. Describe your condition before you came to Christ. Do you see any parallels between your condition then, and this man’s condition?

**Day 2: Read Mark 5:1–20.**

4. According to verse 8 who is speaking in verse 7?
5. How does Legion react to Jesus and what does he call him? (vss. 6–10) What’s the significance of this?
6. What changes take place in the man healed by Christ?
7. Read Ephesians 2:1–10 and Romans 8:6–11. Describe how the healing of the demon-possessed man illustrates the spiritual healing that God brings to his people.

**Day 3: Read Mark 5:1–20.**

8. Reread how Jesus calmed the storm in Mark 4:35–41. What parallels do you see between this miracle and the one in 5:1–20?

9. What most frightens the observers of these two miracles? Explain your choice.
- a. Being in a rowboat in a furious storm at night on the open sea.
  - b. Facing the ravings of an uncontrollable demoniac.
  - c. The power of Jesus.

10. How have you reacted to the power of Jesus?

**Day 4: Read Mark 5:1–20.**

11. Why do the Gerasenes seem content to live with Legion all those years but are so quick to beg Christ to leave town?
12. What sins in your life do you tolerate? What does Jesus want to do for you?
13. After being healed, what does the man beg of Jesus?
14. What is Jesus' response?

**Day 5: Read Mark 5:18–20.**

15. Why do you think that Jesus tells this healed man to spread his story but tells others he has healed not to? (Recall 1:44–45.)
16. How does the man respond to Jesus' directive? What is the result?
17. Consider what the Lord has done for you and how he has had mercy on you. With whom has God called you to share your story? Pray that you would have boldness to be obedient to that calling.