How a maniac became a missionary.

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The Book of Mark 5:1-20



1. Rearranging life can be fun!

(As long as we are in charge of the adjustments).

The townspeople can see that Jesus has the power to change life as they know it. They, like us, are not eager to let someone else determine what those changes are going be! You can't keep Jesus around as a genie in bottle call on him when it is convenient. He is The King and either He reigns or you reject him.

Mark 5:16-17 Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. ¹⁷ Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and *destroy*; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

"DESTROY" = Greek: ἀπόλλυμι (apollymi)

"to destroy, to put out of the way entirely. Abolish or render useless."

"Jesus allowed the demons to enter the swine to indicate beyond question that their real purpose was the total destruction of the their host. While this point may have been obscured in the case of the man, there was the blatant evidence in the instance of the swine. Their intention was no different with regard to the man whom home they had possessed."

-New International COMMENTARY on Mark page 186

2. You can know it all but still get it all wrong.

The demons have a TON of correct information, but they are still committed to opposing God at every turn. The healed man only knows that Jesus has saved him. Equipped with just that reality, he is ready to follow wherever Jesus directs!.

<u>Mark 5:7</u> He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!"

<u>Mark 5:20</u> So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him

He says, "Go back to your own people and spread the news, and be a vehicle for my redemptive power in their lives." No matter how messed up you are, plunge your messed-up life into the grace of Jesus Christ, and you can be a powerful tool for redemption in the world.

Tim Keller, "The Defeat of Evil" RPC - April 2nd 2006

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