

ARISE AND BUILD

Neh. 2:20

“...we his servants will arise and build...”

“The Demoniac of Gadara”

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3 Who had *his* dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any *man* tame him.

5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,

7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, *thou* Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, *thou* unclean spirit.

9 And he asked him, What *is* thy name? And he answered, saying, My name *is* Legion: for we are many.

10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.

12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.

14 And they that fed the swine fled, and told *it* in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.

15 And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, **sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind**: and they were afraid.

16 And they that saw *it* told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and *also* concerning the swine.

17 And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.

18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.

19 Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, **Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.**

20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all *men* did marvel.

Luke 8:38 Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but **Jesus sent him away, saying,**

39 Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.

Review

Two weeks ago, we began a new series about “*building up our homes*” that will take us up to our “Home Coming Day” on October 20th. We have considered two unlikely sources for building a home: (1) “Rahab the harlot” and (2) “the Philippian jailor.”

When these two put their faith in the Lord, He changed their lives and, consequently, their families. As each of us gets closer to the Lord, we should have a deepening desire to see our families, friends and loved ones come to Christ.



This morning we will look at another unlikely source for reaching his home and friends...

“The Démoniac of Gadara”

Imagine what the disciples heard as they traveled with the Lord Jesus: In Mark 4, the Lord taught them various parables, and then, as they traveled by ship to Gadara, a storm caused them much consternation:

Mark 4:37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, **Master, carest thou not that we perish?**

39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, **Peace, be still.** And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, **Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?**

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, **What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?**

As soon as their ship landed in Gadara, they were about to face another storm – a demoniac that had no peace in his soul.

I. THE CONFRONTATION, 5:1-6

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

2 And **when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,**

3 Who had *his* dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any *man* tame him.

5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

6 But **when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,**

A. The Confrontation Encountered – “...**immediately** there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,”

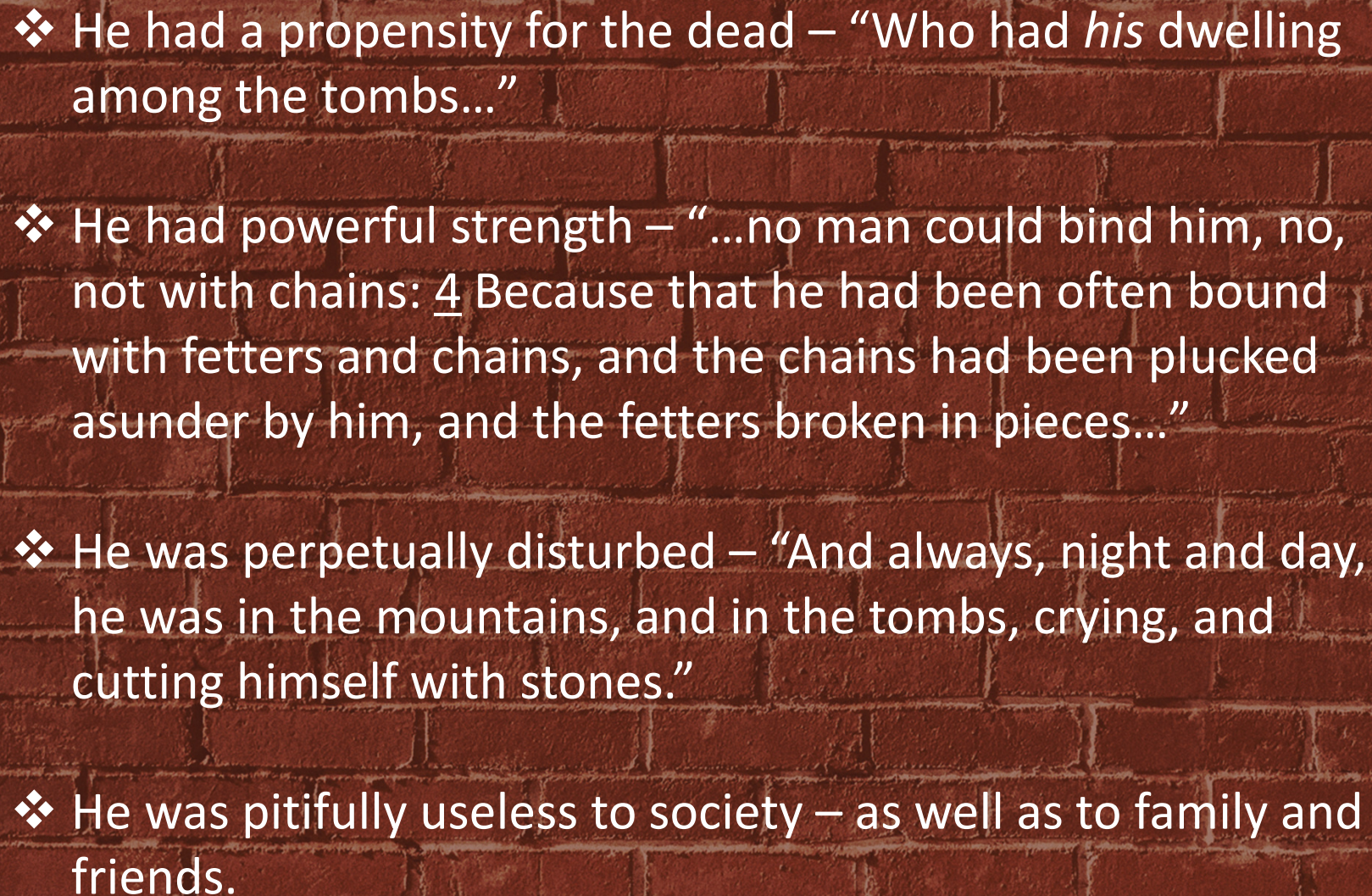
1 Pet. 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

B. The Character Expressed, 5:3-5

Mark 5:3 Who had *his* dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any *man* tame him.

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- ❖ He had a propensity for the dead – “Who had *his* dwelling among the tombs...”
 - ❖ He had powerful strength – “...no man could bind him, no, not with chains: 4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces...”
 - ❖ He was perpetually disturbed – “And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.”
 - ❖ He was pitifully useless to society – as well as to family and friends.

II. THE CONFESSION, 5:7-9

Mark 5:7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, **Jesus, thou Son of the most high God**? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, *thou* unclean spirit.

9 And he asked him, What *is* thy name? And he answered, saying, **My name is Legion: for we are many.**

- ❖ His confession of spiritual awareness was influenced by the demons.
- ❖ His confession exhibited confusion of spiritual truth – “What have I to do with thee, **Jesus, thou Son of the most high God**? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not...”

❖ His confession included the immensity of his wickedness –
“...My name *is* Legion: for we are many.”

Original Word: λεγεών

Transliteration: legiόν

Definition: a legion

Usage: properly: a division of the Roman army, **numbering about 6,000** infantry with additional cavalry; hence: a very large number; a legion.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3003.htm>

III. THE CONVERSION

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A. Transitioning from the Gadarene into the Swine.

University of Illinois animal geneticists Lawrence Schook and Jonathan Beever have created a side-by-side comparison of the human genome and the pig genome that reveals remarkable similarities. "We took the human genome, cut it into 173 puzzle pieces and rearranged it to make a pig," said Schook.

"Everything matches up perfectly. The pig is genetically very close to humans."

<https://ansc.illinois.edu/news/human-pig-genome-comparison-complete-0>

B. Traveling from the Mountains into the Sea. (v. 11)

C. Transforming from a Demoniac into Salvation.

IV. THE CONTEMPT

Mark 5:14 And they that fed the swine fled, and told *it* in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.

15 And **they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil**, and had the legion, **sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind**: and they were afraid.

16 And they that saw *it* told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and *also* concerning the swine.

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18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him **that he might be with him.**

A. The Curiosity – 5:14 “...And they went out to see what it was that was done.”

B. The Confirmation – 5:15 “15 And **they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil**, and had the legion, **sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind**:

❖ The eye-witnesses to the transforming power of the Lord Jesus Christ focused upon the loss of income, not the deliverance of the demoniac of Gadara.

C. The Contempt – 5:16-17 “And they that saw *it* told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and *also* concerning the swine. 17 And **they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.**”

D. The Change – 5:18

Mark 5:18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him **that he might be with him.**

Luke 8:38a “Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him...”

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore **if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

V. THE COMMISSION, 5:19-20, (Luke 8:38-39)

Mark 5:19 Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him,
Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all *men* did marvel.

A. The Refusal, 5:19a “Howbeit Jesus suffered him not...”

Luke 8:38 “...but **Jesus sent him away...**”

B. The Redirection, 5:19b “...Go home **to thy friends...**”

- ❖ The new man had a new mission – go home, to thy friends and...to thine own house.

Luke 8:39a “...**Return to thine own house...**”

C. The Revelation, 5:19c “...**and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.**”

Luke 8:39b “...**and shew how great things God hath done unto thee.**”

D. The Return, 5:20a “And he departed...” Luke 8:39c “...And he went his way...”

E. The Results, 5:20b “...and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him...”

Luke 8:39c “...And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.”

F. The Remarkability, 5:20c “...and **all men did marvel.**”

Conclusion

Eph. 3:14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Of whom **the whole family in heaven and earth is named,**

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

17 That **Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,**

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

20 **Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,**

21 Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.