**Demon Possessed**

**Reading – Mark 5:1-20**

***Read the Parallel accounts in (Matthew 8:28-34) & (Luke 8:26-39)***

**HIS CONDITION BEFORE MEETING JESUS.**

He was possessed with unclean spirits.

Zechariah said the unclean spirit would pass out of the land. ***(Zechariah 13:2) "It shall be in that day," says the LORD of hosts, "that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land.***

The man had a "legion" of devils, which means "many." A Roman legion consisted of as many as 6,000 men.

He abused his body. The Christian's body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. ***(1 Corinthians 6:19-20) Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? {20} For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.***

Many today are under the control of Satan-- not **possessed**, but **controlled**. ***(Romans 6:16) Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?***

***(2 Corinthians 4:3-4) But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, {4} whose minds the god of this age [***Satan***] has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.***

***(1 Corinthians 6:12) All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any… (1Corinthians 9:27) But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.***

**MEETING WITH JESUS.**

The devils saw and recognized Jesus. ***(Jude 1:6) And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;***

The evil spirits are reserved unto judgment. ***(2 Peter 2:4) For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;***

Evil men are also reserved under punishment unto the judgment. ***(2 Peter 2:9) then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,***

***(James 2:19-20) You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe; and tremble! {20} But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?***

The whole scene shows the marvelous and wondrous working of Jesus. ***(Psalms 118:23) This was the Lord's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.***

***(Habakkuk 1:5) "Look among the nations and watch; Be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days Which you would not believe, though it were told you***.

Jesus was the one who would bind the strong man as was mentioned in His remarks concerning Beelzebub. ***(Matthew 12:24-29) Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." {25} But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. {26} "If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? {27} "And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. {28} "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. {29} "Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.***

His power over Satan was predicted when the serpent was cursed in ***(Genesis 3:14-15) So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. {15} And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."***

This was ultimately fulfilled in his death. ***(John 12:31-33) "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. {32} "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." {33} This He said, signifying by what death He would die.***

1. ***(Colossians 2:14-15) having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. {15} Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.***

2. ***(Hebrews 2:14-15) Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, {15} and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.***

**HIS CONDITION AFTER MEETING JESUS.**

In contrast to before, he was sitting quietly at Jesus’ feet, clothed and in his right mind. Those not clothed show that Satan controls their mind. ***(1 Timothy 2:9-10) in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, {10} but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.***

***(Psalms 86:15) But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.***

***(1 Peter 2:9) But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;***