

MESSAGE NOTES: NO MATCH FOR MY SAVIOR

Mark 5:1-5 They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. ² When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. ³ This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. ⁴ For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

- Demons are _____.
- Demons seek to _____ you and turn people _____ you.
- Demons seek to _____ you _____.
- Demons can break manmade _____.
- Demons create _____ chains.

Mark 5:6-8 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. ⁷ 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!” ⁸ For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you impure spirit!”

- Demons _____ Jesus for _____.

Mark 5:9-13 Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” “My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.” ¹⁰ And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area. ¹¹ A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. ¹² The demons begged Jesus, “Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.” ¹³ He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

- Jesus is _____.
- Jesus seeks to bring us into _____.
- Demons are _____ of Jesus.
- Jesus breaks every _____ chain.

Our Defense against the Devil and his Demons

1. Speak God's _____ in the face of Satan's _____.
2. Believe that God's _____ is greater than Satan's _____.
3. Remember your _____.

Colossians 2:9-15 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in **baptism**, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Faith Group Questions

1. Share your biggest takeaway from Sunday's service?
2. When it comes to belief in demons would you consider yourself to be a skeptic, enthusiast or somewhere in between? Has your perspective changed concerning this topic as you begin to better understand God's word?
3. What is the difference between obsessive fear of demons and understanding their power and intent?
4. Have you, or has someone close to you, ever encountered a demon? If so, what was the result?
5. Read Mark 4:35-41. Why is it significant that what Jesus did at sea came right before he healed the demon possessed man?
6. Read Mark 5:1-20. How and why are Satan's demons no match for our Savior?
7. Write down what tools you have at your disposal to defend yourself against Satan's attacks and to help those who are oppressed by demons.