

# Out of the Crypt and Into the Christ

Mark 5:1-20

Luke 8:26-39

# In The Crypt

- Mark 5:1-7 - “Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. 2 And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, 3 who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, 4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. 5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. 6 When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. 7 And he cried out with a loud voice and said, What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me.”

# In The Crypt

- John 10:10 - “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”
- Psalm 142:1-3 - “I cry out to the LORD with my voice; With my voice to the LORD I make my supplication. 2 I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare before Him my trouble. 3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, Then You knew my path. In the way in which I walk They have secretly set a snare for me.”

# In The Crypt

- Satan gives deceitful help:
  - For love, he gives perversion
  - For security, he gives religions
  - For self-worth, he gives self-esteem
  - For life, he gives diverting pleasures that lead to death

# Out Of The Crypt

- Mark 5:8-13 - “For He said to him, Come out of the man, unclean spirit! 9 Then He asked him, What is your name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion; for we are many. 10 Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. 11 Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. 12 So all the demons begged Him, saying, Send us to the swine, that we may enter them. 13 And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.”

# Out Of The Crypt

- 2Cor. 10:3-6 - “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.”
- Are you aware that no faithful Christian was ever possessed by a demon, both in the age of miracles and afterward? Why do you think that is true?

# Out Of The Crypt

- Only authentic power can do this
- Acts 19:13-17 - “Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches. 14 Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you? 16 Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.”

# Into The Christ

- Mark 5:14-20 - “So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. 15 Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. 16 And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine. 17 Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region. 18 And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. 19 However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you. 20 And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.”

# Into The Christ

- Peace
  - Isa. 57:20-21 - “But the wicked are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt. 21 There is no peace, Says my God, for the wicked.”

# Into The Christ

- Security
  - Amos 8:11-12 - “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord GOD, That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD. 12 They shall wander from sea to sea, And from north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, But shall not find it.”

# Into The Christ

- Contentment

- Isa. 30:15-17 - “For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength. But you would not, 16 And you said, No, for we will flee on horses -Therefore you shall flee! And, We will ride on swift horses -Therefore those who pursue you shall be swift! 17 One thousand shall flee at the threat of one, At the threat of five you shall flee, Till you are left as a pole on top of a mountain And as a banner on a hill.”

# Into The Christ

- What does the inspired word imply about the connection between being clothed and reasoning clearly?
  - Rev. 3:17 - “Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' --and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked”
  - Rev. 7:9 - “After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands”
  - 2Tim. 1:7 - “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

# Into The Christ

- A sound mind is:
  - A spiritual mind - emphasis on spiritual values
  - A rational mind - making right choices
  - An active mind - analytical - not allowing others to do your thinking for you
  - Dedicated mind - Do one thing and do it well
    - Phil. 3:13-14 - “Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

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- Mark 5:18-20 - “And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. 19 However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you. 20 And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.”
- He now had purpose where before he had only existence. The man who could not be restrained by bonds, is now controlled by the word of the Lord

# Into The Christ

- How does a crazy man who lived among graves and terrorized anyone who came near react when the Lord gives him back his life?
- He asks the Lord if he can go with Him to help Him; and, when he is told that he should go home and tell his family and friends about the Lord, he does so cheerful and so well the whole region glorifies the Lord
- He clearly came out of the crypt and entered into the Christ

# Into The Christ

- What does a sane American who lives in a moderately comfortable home and coexists in a relatively safe world do when the Lord gives him eternal life?
- He only praises the Lord in the church building when he is singing, he is embarrassed when others ask him about his faith, and he often has to be coaxed into being faithful
- If he keeps it up, he will soon be out of the Christ and back into the crypt.