

**Supplemental Texts** Luke 8:26-40 **Focus Verse** “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.” – Mark 5:15 **Introduction** Jesus and His disciples safely reached the other side of the Sea of Galilee into the country of the Gadarenes. Here, a man possessed with demons met Jesus. This man was possessed for a long time and had no clothes on (Luke 8:27), lived among the tombs, had supernatural strength to pull apart shackles and chains, could not be tamed, and tormented and cut himself. He was indeed a danger to himself and others. Absolutely, meeting Jesus will certainly transform him.

#### Deeper Look

**A Man with an Unclean Spirit – Mark 5:1-5** We do not know how this man became possessed with demons but the Bible states that he had been possessed for a long time. Needless to say, this demoniac suffered greatly. The life of this wretched man was horrible, and his mind was far from sanity. He was totally under the bondage of the Devil. No wonder Jesus in John 10:10, says, “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.” The demoniac did all that the demons controlled him to do. **When He Saw Jesus Afar Off – Mark 5:6-13** Jesus indeed deserves running to and worshiping! Phil 2:9,10 speaks to that. It is important to know that the demoniac, a man tormented by the Devil, ran to Jesus, and worshipped Him. This is an evidence of the superiority and power of Christ over the Devil. The demons in him quivered at the sight of Jesus knowing that their control over this poor man was over. Jesus cast out the demons and brought physical, mental, and spiritual relief to him. What a Savior! **He Begged to be with Jesus – Mark 5:14-20** Encountering Jesus changes who we are and how people perceive us. We thus have God's Spirit which gives us power, love, and a sound mind (2 Tim 1:7). The witnesses of the miracle were in awe of the power of God, and he that was healed resorted unto Jesus. He was delivered, and he proclaimed what Jesus did for him to everyone in the region of ten cities — Decapolis.

## Questions

Explain what the word “possessed” mean. How did the man end up living in the graveyard? How long had he been living there? The demoniac had the strength to break the chains and smash the shackles he was bound with. By what means did he get the strength? A person possessed with demons is sure not in his right mind. Provide evidences that show that the man was not in his right mind. How did Jesus heal the possessed man? What does this tell us about Jesus? The Devil had complete control over the demoniac. Does he still have the same control over some people in our world? Explain. If a friend or an acquaintance asks you how you know Jesus truly healed the demoniac, how would you respond? To whom did Jesus instruct the man to give account of his healing testimony? What did the man do instead?

“And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” — Mark 4:41. All things, living and non-living, obey the voice of Jesus. He alone deserves our worship, and we stand in awe in His presence. No wonder the demoniac, who had become a danger to himself and others, worshipped and trembled in the presence of Jesus. All we need to do is bring our problems to the Lord and watch what happens. Situations that have us bound will tremble as we come to the Lord and they will be rebuked. We must not be under the control of anything or anyone other than God. We see that evil spirits do exist and that they can go from a host to another. Thus, we must shield ourselves by dwelling in the secret place of the Most High (Psa 91:1). Clearly, the demons entered the swine, and they caused havoc on the swine as they did on the man. Indeed, the man was possessed with Legion! The good news is Jesus set him free (Mark 4:15) and he did proclaim the goodness of the Lord. Let each blessing you receive bring you closer to Jesus (Mark 5:18). Personal Meditation Faith Portal Church Frisco, TX [www.faithportal.org](http://www.faithportal.org) | [info@faithportal.org](mailto:info@faithportal.org) | (469) 000-0000 DAILY STUDY Monday Matthew 8:28-29 Tuesday Matthew 8:30-34 Wednesday Mark 5:1-5 Thursday Mark 5:6-10 Friday Mark 5:11-15 Saturday Mark 5:16-20