

- Mark continues to reveal more of who Jesus is to His disciples
- We will look at the power and authority of Jesus and how that can and will change us.
- As a disciple of Jesus, it’s important to know who Jesus is.

**Mark 5:1-20** (NIV) <sup>1</sup>They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup>When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. <sup>3</sup>This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

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

<sup>9</sup>Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.” <sup>10</sup>And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

<sup>11</sup>A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. <sup>12</sup>The demons begged Jesus, “Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.” <sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. <sup>15</sup>When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup>Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. <sup>17</sup>Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

<sup>18</sup>As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. <sup>19</sup>Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” <sup>20</sup>So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis<sup>[b]</sup> how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

**1. Go back to your own people.**

**2. What has the Lord done for you?**

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**3. How has God had mercy on you?**

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**Jesus' command to us: This is how we follow.**

**John 13:34-35** (NIV) <sup>34</sup>A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love on another.

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**Questions for your devotional time and conversations with others:**

- 1. What stood out to you from the sermon?**
  - a. How will you respond to what you heard this week?**

*As you read/listen to **Mark 6:1-52**, be thinking about:*

- 2. What do you see Jesus doing? What are the twelve disciples doing? What are the crowds of people doing?
- 3. What are you discovering about Jesus? About people?
- 4. Personally, what stands out to you? What is God showing you about you?
- 5. Share with someone what you are discovering. Invite them to share what they are learning from God and His word.

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**The Book of Mark Reading Plan:**

June 3 – June 9: **Mark 6:1-52**

June 10 – June 16: **Mark 6:53-7:23**

June 17 – June 23: **Mark 7:24-8:26**

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