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Title : Breaking the Chains That Bind
Text : Mark 5:1-20

Introduction

This text sits in the middle of several hopeless situations.

- The disciples in a storm
- A demon possessed man
- A diseased woman
- A dead girl

All four of these situations appear hopeless from a human perspective. Yet, in each of these cases, Jesus proved that He was the Master of them all. In this passage we will watch as Jesus demonstrates His power over the spiritual realm. We will watch Him deliver a man from a hopeless case of spiritual possession and bondage. He can break the chains that bind us and He can set us free!

I. Consider The Man (Mark 5: 1-5)

- **The Man's Defilement (v2)**

This man is held fast in the grip of the devil. Satan is the master of his life and he is in a state of hopelessness and helplessness.

- **The Man's Depravity (vv3-4)**

Two words factor heavily in this man's world. Those words are cemeteries and chains. This man had his dwelling among the dead. The demons in him drove him away from the living and he spent his life in the cemetery.

- **The Man's Desperation (v5)**

Can you imagine the terror this man caused? He is in a desperate situation and he needs help!

There are people who are defiled, depraved and desperate! They need help and there is but one source for the help they need. ***Helps name is Jesus!***

II. Consider The Master (Mark 5: 6-13)

- **The Master's Compassion (v6)**

Everyone avoided this man. Everyone, that is, but Jesus! He made a special trip across the sea and braved a storm simply because He wanted to deliver this one man from the grip of Satan, **4:35**. Jesus had compassion on him!

- **The Master's Confrontation (vv6-13)**

Jesus confronts the demons, ordering them to release their captive, **v. 8**. The demons acknowledge the deity and authority of Jesus, **v. 7**, and they beg Him not to "**torment**" them. That is, they beg Him not to send them to Hell, **Luke 8:31**.

- **The Master's Command (v13)**

- Every effort of man had failed this poor soul. Everything he had tried to retain a grip on his own sanity had proven useless. But, one word from Jesus and He was free! That is the glory of salvation!

There is one solution to the problem of sin and His name is Jesus! There is only one hope for the fallen soul and His name is Jesus! There is only one hope for those trapped in a life of sin and **hopes name is Jesus (John 14:6; John 6:37)**.

III. Consider The Miracle (Mark 5: 14-20)

- He Was Changed By Jesus (vv14-16)
- Jesus Changed Him (v15)
- Jesus Clothed Him
- Jesus Calmed Him

What a picture of the total change that salvation brings to the converted sinner! Jesus literally gives everyone He saves a brand new life!

- He Was Committed To Jesus (vv17-18)
- He Was Commissioned For Jesus (vv19-20)

We are commanded to share the Gospel, **Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19-20**. We are to go to a lost world and tell them the same thing this man was commanded to tell: what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.” Nothing is more powerful than the testimony of a changed life!

Conclusion:

- The bonds of Satan are stronger than the chains of man
- But the Power of Jesus is far stronger than any bonds of Satan
- The Good News: God took the initiative to deliver us
- Let Christ Break the Chains that Bind You!