



WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER There is power in the name of Jesus
Great are you Lord (Awesome is the Lord)
At Your name (Lord of all the earth)

PRAYER
UPDATES Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Water you turned into wine (Our God is greater)
BIBLE READING Mark 5:1-20 (Church Bible page 1058)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Holy forever



Why no one is greater than Jesus.

Mark 5:1-20

1. Life without Jesus is _____.

'They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an evil spirit came from the tombs to meet him.' Mark 5:1-2 NIV

'This man lived in the tombs, no-one could bind him any more, not even with a chain. 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. Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.' Mark 5:3-5 NIV

2. The _____ of Jesus revealed.

'When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him.' Mark 5:6 NIV

'You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.' James 2:19 NIV

'He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won't torture me!"' Mark 5:7 NIV

3. The _____ of Jesus on display.

'The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.' 1 John 3:8 NIV

'And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.' Colossians 2:15 NIV

'For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you evil spirit!" Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area. A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." He gave them permission, and the evil 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.' Mark 5:8-13 NIV

4. Jesus can _____ any life.

'Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. 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. Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.' Mark 5:14-17 NIV

5. Jesus works through a _____ life.

'As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.' Mark 5:18-20 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Why do you think people are both confused and/or fascinating by the devil, demons, the occult and the supernatural?
2. List some of the good and godly supernatural occurrences in the Bible. What do they tell us about God?
3. Read Mark 5:1-20. What things struck you initially in this passage?
4. In Mark 5:1-5, we see a very dramatic example of someone living life in darkness. List some of the things this man was doing. How do people in our society today live life in absolute darkness and sin.
5. How do the demons respond to Jesus when they see him in Mark 5:6-7? What does that tell us about Jesus?
6. Why is knowing that Jesus is all powerful and has absolute authority over all things – including the devil and demons – important if we are going to put our trust in him?
7. How do we know that the man was totally transformed in Mark 5:15? Contrast the differences with earlier on in the passage.
8. In what ways does this encourage you that the Gospel can save anyone even if they seem so far away from God?
9. Why did Jesus not let the man go with Him in Mark 5:18-20.
10. How does the power of personal testimony of what Jesus has done in your life spur you on to share it with people you know even more in light of this passage? See Mark 5:20.



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