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Jesus Casts Out Demons

Tell what great things Jesus has done for you.

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If I would ask you a question tonight—what do you think about demons? What do you think about them? What would you say? Are they real? What would you say? Do you think they are real? Do you think that the devil is real? We know he is. Don't we?

If you read the Bible any at all, and read the New Testament; you would have to understand, you will have to admit, if you read it with an open mind; that evil exists in our world. If you would just read it a little bit, you would have to agree that when Jesus Christ was here that evil was in the world. Amen! We know that. Do you know why? Because we know that Jesus, many different times while He was here; He cast out demons and devils out of people. Right? The Bible says that He did. We know that He did.

We live in a world today, that we are seeing more activity by demons. All you have to do is look around, in your own neighborhood what is going on and sometimes in our own families; you can look around and see that demons are alive and well. They are working in the lives of people here on planet earth. Not only are they here now, but they were here when Jesus was here, and they will be here until the day that they are cast alive into a lake of fire. They will be here that long.

What I want to talk about tonight, and I told you this on Sunday; is the guy at Gadara. In Mark's gospel, chapter 5, you can also read this story in Luke's gospel, chapter 8, and in Matthew's gospel, chapter 8. It is a story about a fellow here that is completely controlled by demons.

Keep this in mind. There is only one devil. However, there are many, many demons. When satan—when you read the Bible—when satan decided one day that he was going to rebel against the God of heaven; we know that God cast him out of heaven and one third of the angels that were there with him were cast out with satan. We know that—I don't know how many there are. I don't know how many one third of them were. I don't have any clue. I know there is one devil and there are many demons.

If you read the Bible, there was a lady by the name of Mary Magdalene. Do you remember her? She was very real in the life and the ministry here dealing with Jesus Christ. However, the Bible testifies that Jesus cast seven devils out of her. Do you remember that in the story? That is in the Bible. Isn't it?

Mark 5:1 And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.

Mark 5:2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

Mark 5:3 Who had *his* dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

Mark 5:4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any *man* tame him.

Mark 5:5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

Mark 5:6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,

Mark 5:7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, *thou* Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

Mark 5:8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, *thou* unclean spirit.

Mark 5:9 And he asked him, What *is* thy name? And he answered, saying, My name *is* Legion: for we are many.

Mark 5:10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

Mark 5:11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.

Mark 5:12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

Mark 5:13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.

Mark 5:14 And they that fed the swine fled, and told *it* in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.

Mark 5:15 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 5:16 And they that saw *it* told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and *also* concerning the swine.

Mark 5:17 And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.

Mark 5:18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.

Mark 5:19 Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

Mark 5:20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all *men* did marvel.

We talked Sunday night about the boat ride that Jesus and the disciples took. They were coming from the west side of the Sea of Galilee and they were headed toward the east side of the Sea of Galilee. The first verse I read to you here, that is what has happened. I don't know how long it took them to get across the sea after the storm calmed. I don't know how long that took. However, when they got here they came into the land of the Gadarenes. They came to the east side of the Sea of Galilee. As soon as, they get out of the ship, they encounter a fellow that is absolutely what we would call crazy. This guy is totally and completely out of control. When you read the other accounts, you will find out that there were two guys here. Mark only mentions one. Luke and Matthew mentions two. When you read that you think there is a contradiction here, but it is not at all. The one guy here was probably more vocal. He was the one that was doing all the speaking. He was the one that maybe was possessed with more demons than the other one. I don't know all those facts for sure.

These two guys, these two individuals see Jesus get off of the boat. Immediately they know who Jesus is. They know exactly who Jesus is. We know the end of the story. We know that these guys were possessed and controlled by six thousand demons. That is a lot of demons. Don't you think? They were controlled. Jesus asked the guy what his name was. He said his name was Legion because they were many. We know a Roman legion is 6,000. Therefore, we know that there were 6,000 demons in these individuals. They were out of control.

When you read the whole story here you will find out that they were fierce. No man could tame them. No man could do anything with them. As you read the story here in Mark, it will tell us here they were in the mountains and the tombs. However, when you read the other accounts, you will find out that this guy was from the city. Therefore, this particular—these two guys went from place to place. People were scared to death of these guys. They did not wear any clothes. They lived. They were homeless in the tombs. They cut themselves with stones. Blood gushed out. Everybody was scared to death of these guys. There were times that when they had been caught; they had tried to chain them up. They had tried to tie them up. They had tried to do all kinds of things for these guys. However, they could not do anything with them because when they would tie them up and chain them up the Bible tells us that they would break the chains and fetters asunder. No body could tame them. They were possessed and controlled

by satan. Demons. The Bible calls them an unclean spirit. They were many unclean spirits dwelling in these two individuals.

When you read the Bible, you will find out something. I want you to get this because it is important. When I make the statement about somebody being possessed with the devil, we automatically think about this guy. We think about the guy that is crazy. We think about the guy that is out of control. We think about the guy that is going around killing people and stabbing people and doing all kinds of horrible things. They are possessed with devils.

However, there are also people, on the flip side of that who are as calm as you and I are. When you read the Bible, those that were possessed with devils were not nearly as vocal and out of control as these two guys were. Let's remember something. Just because somebody is not running and doing all kinds of crazy things; that does not mean that they are not being controlled by satan. That is true.

When you read the story, you will find out that Jesus cast demons out of different people. Not all of them were acting like this guy was acting. Amen!

Here they are. When they see Jesus, the first thing they do is they come and worship Him. They come, and they fall down.

Mark 5:6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,

Mark 5:7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, *thou* Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

In other words, what in the world are you doing here? What do we have in common with you? Do you know what? They did not have anything in common with Jesus. We know that Jesus in what He was doing and what He was going to do; and we know that these demons had nothing in common with Jesus. It tells us here he was in the tomb. He had an unclean spirit. He dwelled among the tombs. Nobody could tame him. They had chained him up with chains and fetters. They had done all kinds of things to him. They ran night and day screaming in the mountains and tombs, cutting themselves with stones. When they see Jesus afar off, they come, and they fall down, and they worship Him.

These demons that were in this individual knew exactly who Jesus was. They knew who He was. They knew that this guy that was getting out of the boat; they knew that He was the Son of Almighty God. Do you know what they knew? They knew they were in trouble.

The reason I want to talk about that is this. The devil is real. He has one plan, one thing in mind for you and me and that is to destroy you. He doesn't love you. He might tell you that he loves you. He might paint a real good picture for you about a lot of

different things. However, he has one thing on his mind and that is to destroy you. That is what satan has in mind for you.

The great thing I want you to know is this. When we belong to Jesus Christ, then I don't have to worry about what satan is going to do to me. If I am living right, if I am living and I am following the will of God; then satan can do whatever satan wants to do and I know that the God of heaven is going to take care of me. We know that if you are saved. We know that. If you are living in the will of God, you don't have to worry about what satan is going to do.

Here is what happens sometimes. When he brings the temptations and problems our way, we cave in. When we cave in then he has us where he wants us. However, when we live faithful to God then we do not have to worry about not one thing that the enemy brings our way.

They fall down and worship Him. They knew who He is. They knew who He is.

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They knew exactly that He was the Son of Almighty God. Not only that but they say this.

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Mark 5:7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, *thou* Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

Get that. These demons were trying to command Jesus not to do something. That is him. Isn't it? The devil can't do anything but run a big bluff. That is all he can do. He cannot hurt us. He cannot get to us unless we allow him to get to us. He cannot do a thing to us except bluff and run a big con.

Here is what happens in our lives when we give satan a little bit of room in our lives; do you know what he will do? Do you know the old saying, "If you give an inch, he will take a mile?" You give satan an inch in your life, he will take ten miles. He will take twenty miles and so on. He will completely control your life.

These guys here that are controlled with 6,000 demons, did not controlled by these 6,000 demons in one day. It did not happen that way.

Do you know what happens in people's lives? They give satan a little bit of control each and every day. A little bit more control. They listen to his garbage. They listen to what he is doing. They listen to his leadership. They give him a little bit more control in their lives each and every day. Do you know what happens as we go, as people give satan

room in their lives? They become wild. They become out of control. They become absolutely, tee totally—they can't control their mouths. They can't control their actions. They can't control what they are doing. Their lives are out of control. That is because they are being controlled by satan.

These guys here had 6,000. I don't know how old these guys were. I don't know how long they had been possessed. I don't have any idea. I do know they had 6,000 demons in them and I do know that they knew who Jesus was. Now they are going to try to command Jesus—get this—not to torment them.

When you read the other accounts, you will find out that they said; are you come here to torment us before the time. The other accounts Luke and Matthew will tell you that. That was one of the things they said. Have you come here to torment us before the time? Do you know what these demons knew? They knew there was coming a time that they were going to be cast into the lake of fire. They are saying, Jesus, you are the Son of God. We know that. Are you coming here today to torment before the end time, before the great white throne judgement? Are you come here to cast us into the lake of fire, into the abyss? This is the question they were asking. They knew where they were going.

Isn't that something? Demons know there is a lake of fire that they are going to. Demons know that. I don't know why mankind has a problem with that. I don't know why that people that are unsaved have a problem knowing and understanding and accepting the fact that hell is going to be where they go if they do not repent.

These demons knew that. Do you know what they do? They said, are you going to torment us before the time? We know that we are going there. We know that you have told us that we are going to go there. We know there is a time of judgment coming. However, are you going to do this now?

Mark 5:8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, *thou* unclean spirit.

Come out of this man, thou unclean spirit.

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Jesus is talking to the demons in this guy.

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Isn't that something? Do you think satan is not real? Do you think demonic people do not exist? Do you think demonic possession does not exist? It does. It exists in this world that we live in. It exists in people that are around us. It exists in people that we rub shoulders with every day. Some more than others. However, people in this land, in this world are possessed by the demons and devils. All you have to do is watch how

they live and how they act, where they go, what they do, and what they participate in. That is all you have to do. Then you will know for sure that they are demon possessed.

The Bible says this.

Mark 5:10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

When you read the other accounts, the demons said, don't send us out into the deep. If you want to send us out—we are going to come out of this guy. You command us, and we are coming. But don't send us out to the abyss. Don't send us out to the lake of fire. Don't send us to the eternal place that we are going to go and burn forever. Don't send us there.

Again, the demons knew where they were going. The demons knew exactly where they are headed to. I don't know why people that are so intelligent today, or say they are so intelligent can't figure out that hell was made for the devil and his angels, but it wasn't made for people. However, people are going there that way today.

The Bible says...

Mark 5:11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.

Mark 5:12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

The Bible tells here that there were 2,000 of them. Get this. The demons have asked the Lord, don't send us out into the abyss. Don't send us unto hell. Don't send us out there. However, let us go over here to infest or indwell these swine. Do you know what Jesus said when you read the story? He said, go. Have at it. Leave here. Get out of here. When you read that, when you think about that; the Bible says that these 2,000 pigs ran down the hill into the sea and they were choked. We think about Jesus killed 2,000 pigs but He didn't. He did not do that at all. He cast the demons out of this man—get this—it was when the demons entered into the swine that the pigs went crazy. They absolutely went crazy. They start down the hill. They run into the sea. They all drown in the sea.

Mark 5:13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.

Jesus has commanded the demons to come out of this guy and they came out. They entered the swine. They ran down the hill. Now they all drown.

Mark 5:14 And they that fed the swine fled, and told *it* in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.

Those that took care of the hogs, when they saw what was going on, they fled. The Bible tells us that they go and tell what has happened in the city, about what happened out in the country.

Mark 5:15 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.

They go in town. They tell the people in town, probably that owned the hogs, what has happened. They come out and they see Jesus sitting here. Not only do they see Jesus here, but they see the guy or the guys that had been crazy, the guys that had been out of their minds, the guys that ran, screamed, cut themselves with stones, and they had been chained up. They scared and frightened everybody. Here they are sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in their right mind.

You would have thought that this whole place and everybody in the city would have been high fiving everybody. You would have thought it would have been a great time for a revival. Wouldn't you? You would have thought that it would have been a time that everybody would have been rejoicing. It would have been a great time. These men that are crazy, these men that have scared us so much; now they have clothes on. They are not cutting themselves with stones. They are not screaming and hollering. They are in their right mind and they are sitting at the feet of Jesus. You would have thought that would have brought comfort to those people, but it didn't.

Mark 5:16 And they that saw *it* told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and *also* concerning the swine.

Mark 5:17 And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.

They asked Him to please get out of here. They asked Him to depart from their coasts. The people that came out and saw the demoniacs that had been possessed with devils and were crazy; their life was a wreck. They were terrorizing the community. When those that lived in the town came out and saw them sitting clothed and in his right mind. They look at Jesus and said, would you please get out of here.

Not everybody wants to hear about Jesus. Not everybody wants what Jesus has to offer. In our world today, if you watch any channel on TV for 5 to 15 minutes; do you know what you will figure out? America has very little to do with Jesus Christ anymore. If you listen to the news; they don't want to hear about Jesus Christ. They don't want to hear about Jesus Christ. They don't want to hear about how God is saving people and changing people's lives. They don't want to hear about that. They don't want to hear about that. They don't want to hear about the name of Jesus. Do you know what we are doing in America every day? We are praying, and we are asking Him to leave every day. Different places, different situations, different homes, different businesses, different parts of our government; we are asking Jesus to depart every day. Do you know what He always does when we ask Him to? He departs. Do you know what He

does here? He left. However, before He leaves, He does something. These guys that had been cleansed, the guys that all these demons that were making them so crazy, wild, and out of control; do you know what they do? Jesus goes over and gets ready to get on the boat. Do you know what they do? They came over and said we want to go with you. We want to be with you.

When people are honestly and genuinely are born again, do you know what they will want? They will want to be where Jesus is at. These guys wanted to be with Jesus. Do you know what He told them? He made a statement to these guys. Do you know what he tells them?

Mark 5:19 Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

Jesus told them to go home.

Mark 5:19 Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

That's great. Isn't it? Jesus goes all the way across this lake, through a storm, we talked about Sunday. There were all kinds of issues with the disciples. He taught them a lesson there. He comes all the way over here to meet these two guys. He comes all the way over to meet these two guys and to cleanse these two guys. Do you know what He does? He saves them. Cleans them up. Forgives them. He tells them; I have a message for you. You are a living message. You can go home, and you are living proof of what I have done for you and what I can do for your family and friends.

Let me ask you a question. Has Jesus done and what He has done in our lives; has He done enough and changed us enough that when our family and our friends looks at a before and after picture, before Jesus and after Jesus—can they see that much difference? Can they see that much difference in our lives? That is a good question that I think we need to ask ourselves. There is a term here. This whole area was called Decapolis. If you look up Decapolis, you will find out there were ten different cities in this area of Decapolis. Do you know what these guys knew? They go to these ten different—there is no doubt in my mind. This place knew these guys that they were wild and crazy, and they were out of control. They terrorized people. No doubt, this whole area of Decapolis knew that. I think that is why Jesus sent them back there.

Go back home and tell your family and friends. You preach to them. Tell them, look at me. A man called Jesus changed my life. A man called Jesus changed my life. A man called Jesus cast the devil out of my life. That is a good thought. Don't you think? That is a good message. Don't you think? The greatest message that you and I will ever preach is our own life. The greatest message, the greatest testimony, the greatest influence that we will ever have on anybody is our testimony. With our words, actions,

speech; they can be good. They can lead people to Christ. Or they can drive people away from Christ.

These two guys had a message that their lives had been changed. People could physically look at them and know that they had been changed. There is no doubt in my mind that these two fellows were the happiest two people on the planet for a while because of what Jesus did for them.

Are you happy you are saved tonight? Are you happy that Jesus Christ has cast a demon out of you? Amen! If you are saved tonight, He has done that. If you are saved tonight the Lord Jesus Christ has cast the devil out of you. He was in you. He was indwelling you. Maybe not to the degree of this guy. You may not have done all the stuff this guy did. However, you were just as lost as these guys were. Jesus Christ saved you. He changed your life. Do you know what He will do today? He will do the same thing with everybody that will just come to Him.

Come and pray—