



Gospel of Mark

The Promise Of Freedom

Mark 5:1-43

I. **Introduction:** The Blessing Of Freedom

II. **Three Stories Of Freedom: Mark 5:1-43**

III. **The Gadarene Demonic: Mark 5:1-21**

A. The demonized man: Verses 1-5

1. The nature of his bondage was morally _____.
2. He was an _____ from society.
3. He was self _____.
4. To the world – he was _____ help.

B. His encounter with Jesus: Verses 6-12

1. He ran to _____ Him. Even in the seemingly impossible human condition, with Jesus there is always _____!
2. Jesus confronts the demons, and in doing so proclaims to this outcast of society – He has _____ by God!
3. Note about this encounter with the demonic:
 - a. This is the only occurrence in Scripture when Jesus addresses a demon by asking for its name.
 - b. We should not address demons _____. There is no precedence to form such a doctrinal practice from this narrative.
 - c. Jude 1:9; Acts 19:13-17

C. Freedom over the demonic: Verses 12-13

1. Historical background: The city of Gadara was populated by many backslidden Jewish people. Many Bible Scholars believe that the “*Pig Farmers*” were actually Jews who were living a dualistic life.

2. By allowing the demons to go into the herd of swine Jesus was both _____ the bound man, and _____ the errant Jews.
3. Freedom can only come as we _____ of _____ the strongholds of the enemy!

D. The crowds response: Verses 14-17

1. They were not able to comprehend Jesus action.
2. They responded with _____ - rather than a desire to be set free themselves.
3. Jesus offers freedom to **All...but:**
 - a. We must be _____ to this work of freedom,
 - b. We must _____ this work of freedom,
 - c. God will never override our _____!

E. The freed man’s response: Verse 18

F. Jesus’ call to the freed man: Verse 19

1. “...***Tell them your story...***” Vs 19 (The Message)
2. The highest calling we can receive in our lives is to reach our _____ and _____ for Christ!

G. The freed man’s obedience: Verse 20

1. “*The man went back and began to preach in the Ten Towns area about **what Jesus had done for him...***”
2. The freed man employed his gifts, talents, resources, and energy into reaching his _____, his _____, his _____!
3. God wants to give us something _____, something _____, and _____ in our lives to proclaim!

H. The freed man’s fruitfulness: Verse 21

1. His life ignited a fire of _____ in Jesus!
2. We only need to let Jesus set us free...and then ***Freely*** _____ what He has done for us - ***to others!***