

## A Study of Mark – Lesson 12

### Mark 5:1-20 The Healing of the Demon-possessed Man

#### Jesus Restores a Demon Possessed Man

<sup>5</sup> <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 evil spirit / came from the tombs / to meet him. / <sup>3</sup> This man lived in the tombs, / and no one could bind him any more, / 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? / Swear to God / that you won't torture me!” / <sup>8</sup> For Jesus had said to him, / “Come out of this man, / you evil 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

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them.” / <sup>13</sup> 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. /

<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 family / 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 / how much Jesus had done for him. / And all the people were amazed. /

## ***Vocabulary***

1. **Tombs:** caves or chamber where the dead were left; a monument to a dead person
2. **Demon:** an evil supernatural spirit. A fear or anxiety that torments somebody. (evil spirit, devil, imp)

3. **To bind** (bound, bound): to tie something firmly to something else; to wind a cord or bandage firmly around something to protect it or hold it together. To form a relationship based on experience, loyalty or affection. Many meaning, about 10)
4. **Legion:** crowd, mass , host, multitude, band  

In ancient Rome, an army division may be 3,000 to 6,000 soldiers, including cavalry. It can also be a large military unit, especially an army

In the USA, we have an association of ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen called the American Legion.
5. **Drown:** to die, normally in water

### **Questions**

1. Where is the Lake of Galilee? Where is the region of the Gerasenes?
2. Describe the man Jesus met. Where did he live? What was wrong with him?
3. What does Legion mean? The Jewish people often associated a Legion with the Roman military.
4. Why and how did the crazy man know who Jesus was?
5. Jews do not eat Pork. Why would there be a huge herd of swine or pigs in this area?
6. What did the pig herders do? Why would they do that?
7. Why would the people plead with Jesus to leave? (ask)
8. What did Jesus tell the healed man to do? Why?

## **Notes**

1. The region of the Gerasenes is also called Gadarenes; it is one of the cities of the Decapolis. These 10 cities formed a trade league and worked together for defense. They were full of gentiles and had Roman-Greek culture, rather than Jewish culture. Many of the inhabitants followed Jesus on his teaching journeys.
2. During this time many people believed in demons and devils. It is the opposite of angels. Today many people scoff at this belief, however others know that evil in all its forms is still around today.

### ***Pronunciation: Stamina and Rate of Speaking***

**Stamina:** To develop stamina in reading a second language, it is important for the learners to read long passages in English. This will build the muscles and prepare the brain to think in English. Each person needs to practice reading with emotion and correct volume.

Reading aloud, chorally, helps any class make the muscles move quickly and efficiently.

**Rate of speaking:** Have students read along with the teacher at a normal rate of speed. Try not to hesitate or slow down. Be sure to pause only at the sound unit marks. Practice until the passage can be read comfortably.