

#### IV. Christ Jesus' compassionate reception of this man, who came to Him (for help), Mk.5:8, 9

- A. Jesus manifested **mercy and grace** – He gave the command for the demons to depart out of this man, 5:8
  - Christ Jesus had commanded these demons to depart, but they had not yet departed.
- B. Jesus manifested **concern** – He asked this man his name – his state, his condition, 5:9
  - This man expressed concern (5:10 “*begged Him earnestly*”) about the evil spirit that were in him – that Jesus would “...*not send them out of the country*”; thereby, manifesting that this man's will had not yet been renewed by the Holy Spirit in His work of effectual calling.
- C. The Scripture Truths Illustrated in these verses (this historical account)
  - Jn.6:37b “...*and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.*” See also Matt.11:28-30

#### V. The Resulting Responses to the Manifestation of the Savior's Sovereignty, Mk.5:14-20

- A. Those who were told what had happened by those who fed the swine
  1. “*And they were afraid.*”, 5:15b – of Jesus' omnipotence over the demoniac power that none of them were able to diminish or expel.
  2. “*Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region.*” 5:17 WHY?! Because of Christ Jesus' sovereign control (absolute sovereignty) manifested in the expelling of the demons out of this man, and giving permission to those demons to go into the herd of swine. **It was a power far, far superior to anything they had ever encountered!!** If the they could not control the demon-possessed man, how could they ever imagine controlling anyone as omnipotent as the Christ Jesus?! Heb.10:31 “*It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*”
  3. They wanted the Lord Jesus out of their region, out of their city and country, out of their lives! Jn.3:19, 20
- B. The healed demon-possessed man
  1. He “...*begged Him that he might be with Him.*” 5:18b
  2. He was obedient to the word of instruction given to him by Christ Jesus. He was **obedient to the word of God.**

#### VI. Applications

## The Savior's Sovereignty Manifested

PBC Sun. AM, January 30, 2022 Matt.8:28-34; Mk.5:1-20; Lk.8:26-39

### I. The Sad Condition of this Man, Mark 5:1-5

- A. **The Accurate and Vivid Description** of this man's sad condition
  1. He had “*an unclean spirit*” 5:2 > Matt.8:28; Lk.8:27
  2. He had “*his dwelling among the tombs*” 5:3 > Lk.8:27
  3. “*no one could bind him*” 5:3 They had tried, many times. But every attempt they made, ended in failure.
  4. “*neither could anyone tame him.*” 5:4 No one could tame him. No one could bring about any lasting change in this man's behavior and heart. His case was hopeless; far beyond human help! So he was rejected and forced to live in the mountains and among the tombs of the dead.
  5. Matt.8:28b (the 2 men were) “...*exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way.*”
- B. **The Misery** of this man's sad condition described
  - “*And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.*” 5:5 Note this man's inability to free himself of this misery, no matter what desperate measures he used.
  - No matter what this man did, he could not free himself from the bondage of these demons, to whom he belonged
    - Lk.8:27 “...*who had demons for a long time.*”
    - from the bondage of sin, from the bondage of Satan, whose child is was -- Lk.8:29 “...*For it had often seized him...driven by the demon...*”; 2 Tim. 2:26b “... *the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.*”
- C. The Scripture Truths Illustrated in these verses – the reality and misery of mankind's totally depravity – Rom.3:10-19; Jn.3:6a; Jer.13:23; Eph.2:2,3 and Jn.8:44

### II. The Unexpected Response of this Man, Mk.5:6 &7

- A. The Description
  1. Mk.5:6 states, “*When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him.*” 5:2 >When the Lord Jesus had come out of the boat, “*immediately*” this man was there to meet Him.
    - Not the kind of response expected of a demon-possessed man, whose demons KNOW that Christ Jesus' sovereignty was capable of casting them out of this man.

- **What extraordinary, superior power** it took to bring this demon-possessed man to the Savior, who alone could rescue him from this bondage and set him free! (Jn.6:44; Rom.8:2)
- 2. **He acknowledged**, with a loud voice, **who Jesus was** (and still is) > “...**Jesus, Son of the Most High God**”, 5:7 – The gospel begins with the knowledge of God, that **He is holy** and that **we have sinned** against Him. Even the demons know the one, true and living God. (Mk. 1:24, 34; 3:11).
- 3. **He also implored (begged)** that the Lord Jesus, “*the Son of the Most High God*”, not torment him, 5:7. Thereby implying his acknowledgement of his worthiness to be tormented for his sins, Rom.6:23a.

B. **The Scriptures Truths Illustrated** in these verses (in this historical account)

- **Jn.6:44** “No man can come to Me *unless the Father* who sent Me *draws him*; and I will raise him up at the last day.”
- **Jn.6:37a** “All that the Father gives Me *will come to Me*...”
- **Matt.11:28** “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and *I will give you rest*.”

### III. Christ Jesus’ undeniable sovereignty over all things, including evil, clearly manifested, Mk.5:8-13

- A. **Christ Jesus commanded the unclean spirit** to come out of this man – “*Come out of the man, unclean spirit*.” 5:8 Which this unclean spirit obeyed; it had no choice nor ability to do otherwise. Behold the Savior’s authority and power!
- B. **Christ Jesus asked, he answered** – manifesting his acknowledgement of Christ’s authority and power, and mankind’s inability to lie to God and to deceive God – **Gen.1:3**
- **Job1:7, 8 &9 – 1:7** *And the LORD said to Satan, “From where do you come?” So Satan answered the LORD and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.” 1:8 Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?” 1:9 So Satan answered the LORD and said, “Does Job fear God for nothing?”*
  - **Job 2:2, 3 &4 – 2:2** *And the LORD said to Satan, “From where do you come?” Satan answered the LORD and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.” 2:3 Then the LORD said to*

*Satan, “Have you consider My servant Job that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause.” 2:4 So Satan answered to the LORD and said, “Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.”*

C. “all the demons **begged Him**” 5:12

- **The 3 beggings**, 5:7, 10, 12
  - 5:7 “...*I implore* You do not torment me.” > Mt.8:29
  - 5:10 “Also *he begged Him* earnestly that He would not send them out of the country.”
  - 5:12 “So *all the demons begged Him*...”
- **The 4<sup>th</sup> begging** – 5:18 “...*he who had been possessed begged Him* that he might be with Him.”

D. The demons **needed Christ Jesus’ permission** to go into the herd of swine (or to do anything). Just as in the book of Job, we observe that **Satan needed permission** to afflict Job

- **Job 1:12(-19)** *And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, all that he (Job) has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person.” So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.*
- **Job 2:6 &7** *And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, he (Job) is in your hand, but spare his life.” 2:7 So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.*

E. **The Scriptures Truths Illustrated** in these verses (this historical account)

- **I Pet.5:8** “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking *whom he MAY devour*.” Our adversary, the devil (Satan), walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he “may” devour.
  - **Example: Job 1:12** *And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, all that he (Job) has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person.” So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD. ; also Job 2:6 And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, he (Job) is in your hand, but spare his life.”*
- **I Jn.4:4** *You are of God little children, and have overcome them (antichrists), because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.” See also Jn.10:27, 28*