

# Snapshots of Redemption: Redeemed from Evil

September 27, 2020

Mark 5:1-20

## Sermon Summary

In this series we are going to look at people who encountered Jesus, people who met him and whose lives were changed by Him. We all have struggles, we all have obstacles to faith, and we all need an experience with God.

In this sermon we meet a man known as The Maniac of Gadara. The lesson from this man's encounter with Jesus is that there is no person so far gone that the grace and mercy of God cannot redeem them.

Evil, including demon possession must be taken seriously, and the only hope that we have for being delivered from evil is through Jesus Christ. You need a living hope because the world is full of evil and you are going to encounter suffering. It is inevitable and unavoidable. The world is steadily, irreversibly falling apart. We are locked into a struggle between good and evil.

## We Must Be Redeemed from Evil

### The Devastation of Evil

- Evil is Real
- Evil is Powerful
- Evil is Destructive
- Evil is Gradual

### The Defeat of Evil

When Jesus confronts the demon, casts them out, and restores the man, we learn two truths:

- Jesus does not always follow the same blueprint when he comes to save you
- The worth of one soul is worth more than all the money in the world

### The Deliverance from Evil

- Deliverance will give you a new master
- Deliverance will give you a new motivation
- Deliverance will give you a new mission

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## Small Group Guide

### Ice Breaker and Introduction

- When you think of people turning their life around from evil to good, what's your favorite story, real or fictional?
- Read Sermon Summary
- Read Mark 5:1-20

### What Does the Bible Say?

- How does the Bible describe the demon possessed man?
- How did the man responded to seeing Jesus?
- Describe the interaction with Jesus and the man/demons.
- What did Jesus do to the man/demons?
- How did it change the man?
- What was the response of the villagers?
- How does this story end?

### How Does It Apply to Me?

- How have you seen your depravity (bent toward evil) show up in your life?
- How has Jesus set you on the right path?
- How have you seen people have mixed reactions to the good work of Jesus in people's lives or in society?
- What would it look like for you to share what Jesus has done for you?

### What Do I Need to Do with This?

- What areas in your life do you need to ask Jesus to redeem and restore?
- How can you tell others what Jesus has done for you this week?