

# Encountering the Messiah

Mark 5:1-20

## A demon-possessed man - v. 1-5

## Jesus demonstrates His authority - v. 6-13

## Two responses to encountering the Messiah

### - A saved man - v. 14-15, 18-20

### - Hardened hearts - v. 15-17

#### Application Questions:

1. Read Mark 5:1-20 together. What questions does this passage bring to mind? What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. How do you reconcile our struggle being, “against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms” [Eph. 6:12], with Christ’s power over those same forces [Mark 5:13]? As God’s children, why do we still face this struggle if God is omnipotent and sovereign and has power over Satan and demons?
3. Why did the townspeople ask Jesus to leave [Mark 5:17]? What do you think caused them fear? What can we learn from this?
4. How would you explain to a child, or even a new Christian, how, as a Christian, we truly have nothing to fear?
5. Why do you think Jesus told the formerly demon-possessed man to be a missionary to his home area [Mark 5:19]? Where has God called you to be a missionary? Who has He told you to share your salvation story of God’s mercy to? How can we pray and encourage one another to fulfill this call?

