



## Study Guide

### Mark

4/07/24

Mark 5:1-20

#### Announcements

**Heart and Soul Class** - April 21st after second service. If anybody in your group has not attended, encourage them to sign up for this coming Heart and Soul Class.

**Middle School Hangout** - April 21st at 4:00pm at the church for a Bring-a-Friend Game Night.

#### Icebreaker

If someone from your past (childhood, teens, early adulthood, etc.) saw you today, what difference in you would be most noticeable to them?

#### Introduction

This Sunday, we resumed our study through the book of Mark as we covered Mark 5:1-20, looking at the story of Jesus casting the demons out of a man.

#### Read: Mark 5:1-13

Jesus is approached by a demon possessed man, similar to what we saw in Mark chapter 1. In both situations, Jesus is entering a new place and saved with a demon possessed person. In this case, nothing was able to hold the demon-possessed man.

Satan is strong, but Jesus is far stronger. The demons, despite their strength, bow to Jesus. Anxiety, fear, and everything of this world eventually bows to Jesus' strength.

What in your life do you need to give over to the power of Jesus? Where do you need to recognize Jesus' strength?

**Read:** Mark 5:14-20

Once word about what Jesus had done had spread, the people wanted Jesus to leave their region. Despite the fact that Jesus had done something good, it was easier for them if he were to leave. Sometimes it can be easier to ignore Jesus rather than to embrace his power. When in your life has it been easier for you to ignore the power of Jesus rather than to embrace him?

It was clear that the demon possessed man had been changed. He went from living among the dead, unable to be bound by chains, to sitting and listening at the feet of Jesus. There was no denying that something miraculous had happened to this man. We can call ourselves Christians, but it should be undeniable that we are changed. Can you think of a specific time in your life when you claimed to be a Christian, but the way you lived did not make it clear that you had been changed?

What can we do, as a church and as a life group, to help each other live in a way that it is undeniable that our lives have been changed by Christ?

Once the man was healed, Jesus told him to go home and tell his friends and family what Jesus had done for him. In this story, Jesus only interacted with one person, but Jesus can change the world with just one person. Where in your life is Jesus calling you to be the one person to change somebody's world?