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Mark 5:1-15c

:1 Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. 2 And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, 3 who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, 4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. 5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. :6 When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. 7 And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me." :8 For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!" 9 Then He asked him, "What is your name?" and he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many." 10 Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. :11 Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. 12 So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them. :13 And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea. :14 So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. 15c Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind..... :18 And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. 19 However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." 20 And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

Why Does Christianity Claim To Be Right?

Christianity Among The Religions Of The World

1.) Consider the Bible's "Self Claims"

2.) Consider the Bible's "Historicity"

3.) Consider the Bible's "Declarations"

4.) Consider the Bible's "Eschatological Assertions"

5.) Consider the Bible's "Corroborative Integrity"

6.) Consider the Bible's "Evidentiary Influences"

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7.) Consider the Bible's "Transformative Witness"

It has often been said and said accurately that;
"We are victims of our own design"

We, as humans, by design are creative by nature.
(that is, our creativity has been deposited into us)

We seek to manage ourselves. We endeavor
to chart our own course.

That could be good. That could be bad.
– for sure, not all of it is good!

The fact that "Creativity" exists is evidence enough
to know beyond a doubt that God exists.

Psalm 139:13-14

For You formed my inward parts (*notice his self-awareness*); You covered me in my mother's womb (*notice his sense of destiny*). 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made (*notice his self-value*); marvelous are Your works, and **that my soul knows very well.** (*notice his self-responsibility*).

Ecclesiastes 3:11a

11a He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has **put** (*placed, set, appointed, fixed*) **eternity in their hearts,**

There is The Undeniable Reality – Which is #1

Is to know Why do we exist? and #2 for What is my purpose for living?

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=O5QJPZYSo7A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5qJPZYSo7A)

We Come Now to The Necessity of your Transformative Witness

An Example of Encountering God

Acts 2:37-39

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" :38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

Another Example of Encountering God

Acts 13:48

Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

How has God transformed you?

(the application will vary. However the action is certain)

When was it when you personally recognized Him.

(encountering Jesus Christ is not guess work)

What meaning do you now have since meeting Him?

(He transforms or replaces our passions with honor)

Paul's Arrival in Athens Greece. Raising Awareness of Christ

Acts 17:22-30

Paul standing in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; 23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: 24 God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. 25 Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. 26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, "For we are also His offspring.' 29 Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. 30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

Acts 5:12-20

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. 13 Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. 14 And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 15 so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. 16 Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. :17 Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, 18 and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. 19 But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 20 "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

The "Transformative Witness" in life.

A "Transformation" can be immediate.

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it. 2 For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now.

Today is the day of salvation.

Hebrews 3:7-8a

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, 8a Do not harden your hearts

End of Study

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