

The BIBLE STORY with Review

(Parents, we suggest you pull out your Bible too.)

Jesus' Power over Evil-Read Mark 5:1-20

One day, Jesus and His disciples sailed across the sea from Galilee to the region of the Gerasenes (GEHR uh seens). As soon as Jesus stepped out of the boat, a man came out to meet Him. The man had been living in the caves where dead people were buried.

Something was wrong with the man; he was not himself. He had an evil spirit in him that caused him to hurt and suffer. People had tried to tie up the man with chains and shackles, but the man had broken the chains and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to tie him up. All day and all night, the man cried out from the caves.

This man saw Jesus coming, and he ran to meet Him. He knelt down in front of Jesus, and Jesus commanded the evil spirit. "Come out of this man!" Jesus said. The man cried out with a loud voice, and the evil spirit spoke through him. "What do You have to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You before God, don't punish me!"

Jesus asked, "What is your name?"

The man answered, "My name is Legion because there are many evil spirits inside me." **The spirits inside the man kept begging Jesus not to send them away.**

Nearby, a large herd of pigs was eating on a hillside. The evil spirits said, "If you send us anywhere, send us into those pigs." So Jesus allowed the evil spirits to leave the man and go into the pigs. All of the pigs—about 2,000 of them—ran down the hill and into the sea. They drowned there.

The men who took care of the pigs saw what happened, and they ran off and told everyone in the town and the nearby farms about what Jesus had done. The people came out to see Jesus, and they saw the man who had been living in the caves. The man did not have an evil spirit inside him anymore. He was dressed and was himself. The people were afraid, and they asked Jesus to leave their region.

As Jesus was getting back into the boat, the man who had been living in the caves asked Jesus if he could go with Him. But Jesus did not allow the man to go with Him. Jesus said, "Go home to your friends and family members. Tell them what happened and how the Lord helped you." The man obeyed Jesus. **He went home and told all the people about what Jesus had done for him. All the people were amazed.** Jesus has power over evil.

Christ Connection: Jesus has power over evil. Only Jesus had the strength to control the man with the evil spirits. Jesus used His power to free the man. He has power over everything. Jesus came to earth to destroy the Devil by dying on the cross. One day, Jesus will end evil forever.

Review Questions

1. To what area did Jesus and His disciples travel? (*the land of the Gadarenes or Gerasenes; Matt. 8:28; Mark 5:1; Luke 8:26*)
2. How had the people tried to control the man with the evil spirit? (*by restraining him with chains and shackles, Mark 5:3-4*)

3. Where did Jesus send the evil spirits? (*into a herd of pigs; Matt. 8:32; Mark 5:13; Luke 8:32-33*)
4. What did the people who lived in the area ask Jesus to do? (*They asked Him to leave; Matt. 8:34; Mark 5:17; Luke 8:37*)
5. What did the healed man want to do? (*follow Jesus; Mark 5:18; Luke 8:38*)
6. What did Jesus tell the healed man to do? (“*Go home and tell all that God has done for you*”; *Mark 5:19; Luke 8:39*)
7. Who has power over evil? Jesus is Lord over all things, good and evil.