

The Gospel of Mark
Hope for the Hopeless
Mark 5:1-20

We live in a modern, industrialized world that seeks to explain its existence through science and in terms that are strictly natural. This worldview has even affected the theology of the church throughout the ages in that many biblical scholars have rejected the supernatural activity of God in the Scriptures and have attempted to explain that activity in terms of science and nature.

1. Jesus reaches the un-reachable.
2. Jesus saves the un-savable.
3. Jesus commissions the un-commissionable.

This man who once walked among the tombs, out of his mind, and possessed by demons, now becomes a voice for the Christ who delivered him. Jesus tells him to go to his friends, go back to Gadara and tell them about what the Lord has done for Him. He does, but he doesn't stop there. He hits the other nine cities that were on the east side of the sea of Galilee. A guy that no one expected would ever amount to anything, became a missionary for Jesus.

For further consideration:

How would you respond to someone who questions whether we still need to believe in the existence of angels and demons? How does the existence of the spiritual realm inform our understanding of spiritual warfare? What has God entrusted to Christians to help people be delivered from spiritual death and physical bondage to sin? What has God gifted to believers to aid us in our ongoing spiritual warfare that comes when we try to live in obedience to the Great Commandment and Great Commission (hint: think Ephesians 6:10)? Have you ever seen someone come to Christ, and the people around him or her are more concerned with trivial matters than with the salvation of souls? Have you ever seen a Christian who dilutes the power of the cross by doubting His work in someone they have deemed unreachable? In what ways can someone who has just been saved be a better evangelist than someone who has been a Christian and studied the Bible for a long time? Who is one person that you know needs to be changed by the power of the gospel for whom you can begin to pray and with whom you might initiate a gospel conversation?