

Good News from Mark
Conquering Fear of the Dark: Mark 5:1–20 (NLT)
Sunday, July 13, 2025

1. The _____ of Jesus.

"So they arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes. ² When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from the tombs to meet him."

Mark 5:1–2 (NLT)

2. Demonic _____.

"This man lived in the burial caves and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain. ⁴ Whenever he was put into chains and shackles—as he often was—he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵ Day and night he wandered among the burial caves and in the hills, howling and cutting himself with sharp stones."

Mark 5:3–5 (NLT)

A. _____.

"We know that God's children do not make a practice of sinning, for God's Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot touch them."

1 John 5:18 (NLT)

B. _____.

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'"

Matthew 25:41 (NIV84)

"Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places."

Eph 6:11–12 (NLT)

3. The _____ about demons.

"When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him. ⁷ With a shriek, he screamed, 'Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don't torture me!'" ⁸ For Jesus had already said to the spirit, 'Come out of the man, you evil spirit.'" ⁹ Then Jesus demanded, 'What is your name?' And he replied, 'My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man.'" ¹⁰ Then the evil spirits begged him again and again not to send them to some distant place. There happened to be a

large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby. ¹² "Send us into those pigs," the spirits begged. "Let us enter them." ¹³ So Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd of about 2,000 pigs plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water."

Mark 5:6–13 (NLT)

A. They _____ Jesus.

"You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror."

James 2:19 (NLT)

B. They know they are _____ without remedy.

C. They hunger to _____.

"Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour."

1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)

4. The _____ of Jesus.

"You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. ¹⁴ He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross."

Colossians 2:13–15 (NLT)

5. _____ to Jesus.

"The herdsmen fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. People rushed out to see what had happened. ¹⁵ A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid. ¹⁶ Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demon-possessed man and the pigs. ¹⁷ And the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone. ¹⁸ As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him."

Mark 5:14–18 (NLT)

A. _____.

B. _____.

5. _____ mission.

"But Jesus said, 'No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.'" ²⁰ So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them."

Mark 5:19–20 (NLT)