

Kingdom of God 24 – Leader’s Guide

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1. Mark 5:1-20 describes a man who is mentally ill because of demons. Where does he live, and how does he act? (He lives alone in the cemetery. He is wild, naked, and screams day and night. He cuts himself with sharp stones.)
2. How do people try to control the possessed man? Does it work? (People put him in chains and shackles. It doesn’t work! He snaps the chains and breaks the shackles in pieces. No one can tame him. He has supernatural strength because of the demons.)
3. What does Jesus do when he sees the possessed man? (He knows the problem is demons, and he commands the demons to come out.)
4. The demons scream through the man. What do they say? (They say, “What do you want with me?” They beg Jesus not to punish them.)
5. Why are the demons afraid of Jesus? Where will he send them in the future? (The demons know that Jesus will send them to the lake of fire. They will be tortured forever.)
6. What is the name of the demon? What does the name mean? (The demon’s name is Legion. There are 6,000 soldiers in a Roman legion. That means there are thousands of demons in the man!)
7. The demons beg Jesus. Where do they want to go? (They want to go into the 2,000 pigs nearby.)
8. What happens when Jesus gives them permission? (When the demons enter the pigs, they rush down the steep hillside into the lake and drown.)
9. How is the demonized man different once the demons leave? (He has clothes on and is in his right mind. He is sitting quietly, not running and screaming.)
10. How do the townspeople feel? What do they say to Jesus? (They feel afraid. They ask Jesus to leave the area. Maybe they think they’ll lose more pigs and income.)
11. What does the healed man want to do? What assignment does Jesus give him? (He wants to travel with Jesus. Jesus sends him back to his family to tell them all that God has done for him. He goes to 10 cities! He does more than Jesus asks!)
12. How do demons hurt people today? (They accuse people, lie to them saying they’re stupid, ugly, worthless. They cause addictions, depression, and suicidal thoughts.)
13. How can Christians overcome demons? (We can command them to come out just as Jesus did. “Come out in the name of Jesus!” The devil has no power over believers.)
14. How can a person move out of darkness into light? (By turning from away from evil and having faith in Jesus’ work on the cross for them.)

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Mark 5:1-20 Who Is Jesus?

- Leaves crowd and crosses lake to help 1 person
- Confronted by demon-possessed man v. 2
- Recognizes presence of evil, evil spirit v. 8
- Son of Most High God v. 7
- Has the power to torment demons eternally v. 7
- Commands evil spirit to come out v. 8
- Wants to free people from evil
- Asks demon what its name is v. 9
- Makes decisions about the demons. Has power over the devil! He's the boss! v. 7, 10
- Decides where to send the demons. Gives commands about them v. 12
- Allows demons to go in the pigs. Allows farmers to lose money. v. 13
- Can heal mental illness. Brings peace. v. 15
- Has the power to change lives!
- Doesn't stay where he isn't wanted. v.18
- Jesus sometimes tells us NO. Doesn't always give us what we want! v. 18
- Jesus restores man to his family. v.19
- Has a big destiny, purpose for man who's been delivered v. 20

Who Is Man?

- Madman. Has an unclean spirit. Under the control of demons v. 2
- Lives among the tombs of the dead, in a graveyard v.3
- Isolated, alone.

- People try to tie him up. Getting worse! “ANYMORE” v.3
- Often put in chains and leg irons. Afraid of madman. v.4
- Supernatural strength. Can snap chains and break shackles in pieces v.4
- Like wild animal. No one can control demonized man v.4
- Always screaming night and day. Miserable. Can’t sleep. No peace. v.5
- Cut himself with stones. Hurt himself. v. 5
- Luke 8:27 Hasn’t worn clothes or lived in house for a long time
- Luke 8:29 He’s kept under guard. No freedom.
- Falls on knees before Jesus v.6
- Full of many demons v. 9
- Pig owners lose a lot of money v. 13
- Herdsmen run to town and spread news v. 14
- Crowd gathers to look at dead pigs v. 14
- Demon possessed man is now clothed and in right mind v. 15
- Everyone is really scared and amazed. v.15
- People are afraid they’ll lose more money. Ask Jesus to leave the region v.17
- Healed man loves Jesus. Feels accepted, loves. Wants to go with him v. 18
- Delivered man spreads message of Jesus to 10 cities, thousands of people! KEY MAN! v. 20
- People are amazed at man’s story v. 20

Who Is Devil/demons:

- Can cause mental illness
- Wants people to hurt themselves. Causes self-harm
- Makes people isolated and miserable
- Speak through the man v. 7
- Recognize Jesus as Son of God but don’t call him Lord v. 7
- Are afraid of Jesus v.7
- Beg Jesus not to torment them v. 7
- Don’t come out right away. Resist. Stubborn.
- Want to live in a human body

- Demons have names. There are different kinds of demons. v. 9
- Legion = 6000+ soldiers in Roman military unit
- Beg Jesus again and again to stay in the region. Like to operate in regions. v. 10
- Beg Jesus to send them into pigs v. 12
- Can enter into animals. Cause death of 2,000 pigs v. 13
- Cause death! Pigs to rush down steep bank into sea and drown v. 13

So What?

- Jesus has power and authority over demons.
- Jesus has power to change my life! He can use me to change others' lives.
- No matter how evil my past, Jesus can give me a powerful future!
- Do I share my story with those around me?