

Reflection Questions: To what extent am I experiencing the transforming power of Jesus in my life? What has Jesus done for me? To what extent am I proclaiming the transforming power of Jesus in my life? How can I show others that Jesus has made a difference in my life?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?



Five Requests

Sermon
Notes

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Quotes to Ponder

We need grace even to desire grace in our moment of need of grace.

It is absolutely impossible to restrain, subdue, conquer evil by external means. Evil cannot be conquered that way. You don't solve the problem of evil by some kind of external restraint. You can't ask the law to do what only grace can accomplish.

Paul David Tripp

If we can recognize ourselves in this tortured man, we can also see that deliverance is not something that someone else needs—derelicts & foaming lunatics. The power of the gospel is also for us.

David Garland

When God allows His people to get whatever it is they wish to have, this is not always an unmixed blessing. And when He refuses to say "Yes" in answer to their earnest petition, this is not necessarily a sign of His disfavor.

William Hendriksen

Though we are not tortured by the devil, yet he holds us as his slaves, till the Son of God delivers us from his tyranny. Naked, torn, and disfigured, we wander about, till He restores us to soundness of mind.

John Calvin

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. The man in *Mark 5:1-20* is said to have *unclean spirits* in him. What does this mean?

Does it occur today? Can it happen to a Christian?

3. Read this account in the following accounts, noting what you learn from putting all three together.

Matthew 8:28-34 —

Mark 5:1-20 —

Luke 8:26-39 —

4. What do the demons call Jesus in the following verses? How do they know who He is?

Mark 1:24 —

Mark 5:7 —

Mark 3:11 —

5. Why do the demons request that they be allowed to enter the pigs (*Mark 5:20*)?

6. Was it right for Jesus to permit the demons to destroy so much private property? Explain.

7. What happened to the demons once the pigs were destroyed (*Mark 5:13*)?

8. What requests are made of Jesus in Mark's account (*Mark 5:1-20*)? Which ones did He grant? Which did He refuse? Why?

Verse 7 —

Verse 10 —

Verse 12 —

Verse 17 —

Verse 18 —

9. Why does Jesus value people over animals (*Matthew 6:26; 10:29-31; 12:12; Mark 5:1-20*)?

10. Why did the local people send Jesus away (*Mark 5:17*)?

11. What did Jesus want the man to do (*Mark 5:19*)?

Did he do so? What was the possible result according to *Mark 7:31-37*?

12. What has Jesus commanded each of us to do? Use Scripture.

13. How can a person who was saved as a child give a testimony of God's grace when the changes since salvation have not been dramatic?