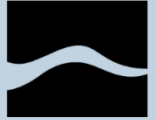


SERMON NOTES

TELL ME ABOUT HIS AUTHORITY OVER THE POWERS OF EVIL



Mark 5:1-20

BIG IDEA: Jesus has unrivaled authority over the powers of evil, and he uses it to set captives free and send them to proclaim the good news of God's mercy.

APPLICATION GUIDE

JULY 20, 2025

DISCUSS

What's the most dramatic rescue story you've ever heard—whether in real life or fiction? What made it powerful or moving to you?

What does this story show us about the depth of evil's hold on the man?

How does this story contrast the reactions of the demons, the townspeople, and the delivered man?

Why do you think Jesus refused the man's request to go with him, and instead sent him to his own people?

APPLY

Who have you written off as “too far gone” for Jesus to rescue?

What are your “pigs”? What comforts, habits, or idols might you be clinging to that keep you from welcoming Jesus' transforming presence in your life?

Where has Jesus shown you mercy that someone else needs to hear about?

COMMIT

Jesus doesn't just save you from something—he saves you for something.

Choose one of these action steps this week:

- Rehearse God's mercy daily by starting each day with the prayer: “Today, I am a recipient of mercy.”
- Tell one person what Jesus has done for you—keep it simple, honest, and personal.
- Share in your family or discipleship group one way you've seen God's mercy at work this week.
- Identify and release one “pig”—a comfort or idol that is keeping you from following Jesus fully—and surrender it to him in prayer.