

Follow – Walking in the Way of Jesus

Healing the Demoniac

Mark 2:23-3:6

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- Stories are powerful—they capture our imagination and move our hearts.
- The stories in the Bible are our stories—they speak to our identity, brokenness, and hope in Jesus.
- Jesus' power and love redefine our reality, bringing peace where there was chaos.

Story from Mark 5:1–20

Context:

- Jesus enters Gentile territory after calming the storm.
- A demon-possessed man, living among the tombs, meets Jesus.
- Jesus casts out a legion of demons, restoring the man.

Responses to Jesus:

- The crowd: Fear → beg Jesus to leave.
- The healed man: Worship → begs to go with Jesus.

Transformation of the Demon-Possessed Man

Defined by brokenness

- Isolated, tormented, helpless, hopeless
- Known only by his captivity: "*Legion*"

But then Jesus shows up

- Chaos turns to peace
- The man is **restored, re-named, re-purposed**
- He becomes a **missionary** to his own people

Our Story

We were:

- Held captive by sin
- Defined by shame, fear, and pain
- Unable to fix ourselves

But then....**Jesus showed up.**

Now:

- We are free
- We are given new identity
- We are sent with purpose

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GOING DEEPER Questions:

What did you do this week that required faith? How did it deepen your trust in God?

In what ways does the man's story reflect the larger **story of humanity**— creation, brokenness, redemption, restoration?

Before Jesus healed him, the man was defined by his captivity.

- **What things have defined your identity** apart from Christ?
- How does Jesus change that?

Jesus gave the man a new **identity** and a new **purpose** — to go and tell his story.

- How has Jesus redefined your story?
- What purpose has He given you?

The healed man was told to go back to his people.

- Who are “your people”?
- What would it look like to share what the Lord has done for you with them?