*14 Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. 15 When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 16 Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man — and told about the pigs as well.*

**2. What Did They Say (5:17):** **They all urge Jesus to go away and leave them alone!** *17 Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.*

Jesus was not well received in this region. His presence had cost financial loss to some, although it meant liberation to the demoniac. Jesus could have healed and saved in that region, but He was turned away by its fearful citizens. (The Nelson Study Bible, Page 1649)

 **D. The Desire (5:18-20).**

**1. The Request by the Man (5:18): He begs to be allowed to go with Jesus.** *18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him.*

**2. The Reply by the Messiah (5:19-20):** **The Savior declines, asking the man to share his testimony with others.** *19 Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." 20 So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.*

Decapolis – name means “League of Ten Cities.” The region also was known as the Transjordan east of Galilee and Samaria. Accessed in Roman times by the King’s Highway and three other major roads made it a major trade route in the empire. The region tended to favor Greek culture more than Hebrew. It was visited by Jesus, who drew large crowds mostly of Gentiles (Matt. 4:25; Mark 5:20; 7:31). Word no doubt spread quickly through the transportation links afforded by the league. (The Word in Life Bible, Page 1722)

**III. CLOSE –** If God has done something for you, run and tell that!

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**Mark 5:1-20**

I**. INTRODUCTION** – We are always hearing news about people and event whether it’s good or bad news. We know for a fact that bad news travels a lot faster than good news. A good example would be the MLK March and Celebration. “What’s Wrong With this Picture? Today is the MLK Holiday. We had over 200 people marching and another 200 or 300 that joined us for the celebration. We had the mayor, police chief, and a couple of prominent politicians present, not to mention community leaders and local pastors. With all this happening a local news channel spent about 30 seconds covering the story, but the same news channel spent 3 minutes covering a story about a man and the problem his neighbors were having with his dog. Are you serious?!? We have a lot of work to do in this country. We keep singing we shall overcome because it’s obvious we haven’t yet. What will you do to make Dr. King’s dream a reality? My little contribution is the IMA Town Hall. I ask you to join me and other leaders in making Tucson a better place to live for everyone. Maybe we can be the model for other cities to follow. I’m keeping hope alive because I believe God is on our side!” I As we look this demon possessed man, we see a total change in him once he met Jesus. Then Jesus told him to go tell the good news. We need to go and tell the good news about how Jesus Christ has changed our life!

 **A. The Despair (5:1-5).** This man is continuously tormented by a large number of demons.

**1. The Meeting of the Man (5:1-2).** *1 They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. 2 When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an evil spirit came from the tombs to meet him.*

**Region of the Gerasenes** – Gerasa, located about 35 miles southeast of the Sea of Galilee. (The NIV Study Bible, Page 1529)

**2. The Madness of the Man (5:3-5).** *3 This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him any more, not even with a chain. 4 For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. 5 Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.*

 **B. The Deliverance (5:6-13): Jesus speaks to the evil spirits within the man.**

**1. The Panic of these Demons (5:6-7): In great fear they beg Jesus not to torment them before their time.** *6 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. 7 He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won't torture me!"*

**2. The Plea of these Demons (5:8-13).**

 **a. The Release (v. 8):** **The man is set free.** *8 For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you evil spirit!"*

 **b. The Request (5:9-12):** **The demons ask for permission to enter a large herd of pigs nearby.** *9 Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." 10 And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area. 11 A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. 12 The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them."*

 **c. The Results (5:13): Jesus allows it, and the possessed pigs run into the lake and drown.** *13 He gave them permission, and the evil spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.*

**Why did Jesus send the demons into the pigs?** Perhaps Jesus wanted a visible way to demonstrate to the man and his neighbors that the demons had left him. This dramatic exit would convince onlookers that Jesus had power over this destructive force and that the man was truly free. Pigs, according to Lev. 11:7, were unclean, not to be eaten by Jews. (The Quest Study Bible, Page 1388)

 **C. The Disbelief (5:14-17):** **The pig owners and townspeople come running out to see what has happened.**

**1. What Did They See (5:14-16):** **They see the former madman now sitting, clothed, and in his right mind!**