

Broken Chains

Mark 1:21-28; Romans 6:12-18

Mark 5:1-20 and Luke 8:26-40

How did he get this way?

A legion of soldiers consisted of six thousand men, or more. What multitudes of fallen spirits there must be, and all enemies to God and man, when here was a legion in one poor wretched creature!

Living in Tombs - Egypt city of the dead. Sin Separates

Living with a corps Dumpster Diving

Luke 9:60 *Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."*

Eph 2:1 *And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life" (1 John 5:12).*

Naked - All of God's creatures are "born with their clothes on," except man.

I was unconscious of my nakedness. Sin will strip you. Adam and Eve. Noah got drunk then was naked. They used to strip there prisoners.

Rev 3:17 *... you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked;*

Luke 8:35 *... sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind.*

There is a connection between sitting at the feet of Jesus and being in your right mind. There is a connection between sitting at the feet of Jesus and being clothed.

Where did he get the clothes? I think the same One who gave skins to Adam and Eve, took off His robe to cover this man. Jesus robes are expensive.

Pamplona, Spain, traditional "running of the bulls." Fled naked **Acts 19:16**

When Israel worshiped the golden calf, they were naked **Exodus 32:25**.

Cutting Himself -

1 Ki 18:28 *So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them.*

Self-mutilation is on the rise as a medical problem.

Body piercing, appropriate number of holes.

A cornered rattlesnake can become so frenzied that it will accidentally bite itself with its deadly fangs. The Devil wants you to hurt yourself.

Lev 19:28 *You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you: I am the LORD.*

1 Corinthians 3: 16, 17 *"anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are".*

Breaking Chains

The commands of the law are as chains and fetters, to restrain sinners from their wicked courses; but they break those bands in sunder.

Always Crying

From his throat came a constant mournful cry that sprang from a heart imprisoned by Satan.

Isa 48:22 *"There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."*

Imagine the awful fear that must have possessed the townspeople.

Exceeding Fierce - Anger

"Anger is a very expensive commodity." Mike Tyson lost 300 million. Moses could not lead the children of Israel into the Promised Land.

• "Don't fly into a rage unless you're prepared for a rough landing."

Will Rogers "When anger enters the mind, wisdom departs."- Kempis "The less water in the pot, the quicker it boils." "Satan, Come here!"

Loose your temper and you are at least momentarily demon-possessed.

Mark 5:4 *"Neither could any man tame him."* **Siegfried and Roy**

Samson thought he could toy with and tease the temptress Delilah.

Two Masters

This was the ultimate showdown what God had planned for man and what the devil would do to man one revealing the image of God one the Image of Lucifer. These two persons represented the essence of what God has planned for us and what the Devil has planned. Jesus crossed the sea and came to the region of the dead to save this man. He came across the cosmos to save this planet.

Before his meeting Jesus he was;

Unclean, Unsociable, Unrestrained, and Self tormenting,

After Jesus he was sitting tranquil, civilized clothed, In his right mind.

The ones who had not experienced Jesus wanted him to leave.

The one who had felt His power did not want to leave His presence.

Someone who has experienced salvation will not ask, "Is church over yet?"

Luke 8:37 *Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.*

When you ask Jesus to leave He will go. He has manners, and will not force Himself upon us. He knocks and calls.

Some in our church would ask Jesus to leave.
Sometimes to get our attention and save us God will allow financial reverses. Our pigs! Save the whales abort Babies.
A pagan society cares more about pigs than people.
The crowd will almost always choose Barabbas.

The man was not to sit at His feet indefinitely but go and witness.

Luke 8:39 *Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.*

We start our witnessing at our home.

The man could do nothing to save himself.
This helpless captive of Satan came to Jesus just as he was.

*Jesus crossed the angry waves to make a madman whole.
He who stilled the stormy sea can calm a raging soul.*

Jesus made a dangerous journey across the ocean to save one man completely captive to the enemy who in turn would reach many.

He would have been elected the most unlikely candidate for conversion.

God has a big plan for your life too!

Hymn #311 "I would be like Jesus"