

Defeating the Destroyer

Mark 5:1-20

Bible Study Questions

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

1. What do we learn about the dark and destructive life of the man Jesus meets (vv. 1-5)?
2. What do the man's experiences teach us about the devil's desires for each one of us?
3. Why do you think the man speaks and acts as he does when he sees Jesus from a distance (vv. 6-8)?
4. A Roman legion consisted of about six thousand soldiers. How does this help us to understand the pervasive nature of Satan's control over this man (vv. 9-10)?
5. Although we know nothing about the man's life prior to his demon possession, what steps might lead an ordinary person to become increasingly controlled by evil?
6. The story of the pigs (vv. 11-13) is one of the strangest in all of Scripture. Why do you think both Jesus and the demons acted as they did?
7. Describe the response of the people from the town when they see both the man and Jesus (vv. 14-17).

Why do they respond in fear rather than faith?

8. Frequently in Mark's Gospel Jesus tells people to follow him (see MK. 1:17; 2:14; 10:21). This man is eager to follow Jesus; why does Jesus send him home (vv. 18-20)?

9. Who in your immediate or extended family does not know the Lord?

What opportunities do you have to "tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you" (v. 19)?