

# Mark 5:1-20

## 3 Features Of Supernatural Evil



GOOD

EVIL

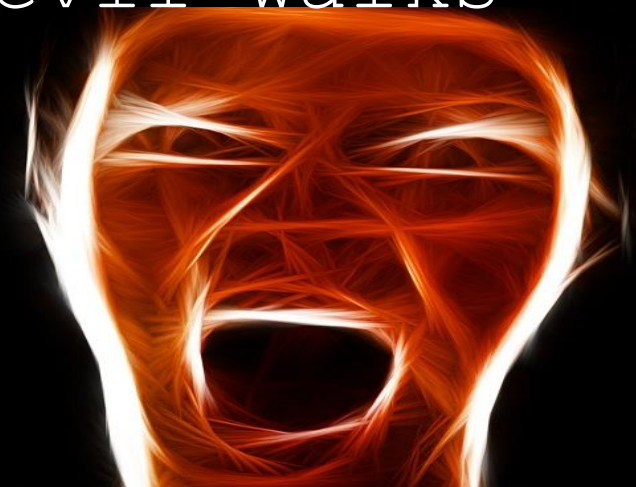
# Context/Background

- Author: Follower of Jesus; John Mark (associate of Paul and Barnabas, close friend of Peter)
- Written: (64-65 AD)
- Audience: Roman world; show Jesus is the Savior of all people
- Occasion: Transition; Jesus and Disciples have left Capernaum and sailed 8 mile journey east across Sea of Galilee (this area of the Decapolis, a 10-city confederation heavily influenced by Greek culture)
- Gadara; leading city of area
- Jesus and Disciples encounter pure evil

# The Awful Reality Of Its Presence

- (vv.1-5) Jesus and Disciples encounter a demon possessed man (had an unclean spirit)
- Bible teaches person who does not have relationship with Jesus can be indwelt/controlled by demon
- Demon – fallen angel who joined Satan in a rebellion in Heaven against God; Satan and one-third of angels banished
- Demonic influence tormented this man; continual agony/torture and working to destroy him
- This same evil at work today in our world; increasing
- Must settle question of supernatural and its influence

- Eph. 6:12, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."
- I Peter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."



# Jesus' Complete Victory Over Supernatural Evil

- (vv.6-17) Possessed man sees Jesus from far away, races and falls at His feet; recognizes Jesus and His authority
- Demon able to speak using man's vocal chords; affirms Jesus' identity, position, and ultimate authority
- Even tries to invoke the name of God for protection
- Jesus has complete/total power over all evil and its agents
- Amazing; man possessed by many demons; "Legion" probably a reference to hundreds or thousands of demons
- (v.13) Demons needed permission to act or move
- Man was set free!!

- Matt. 28:18, "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.'"
- Phils. 2:10, "...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,..."



# Acceptance Of The Responsibility To Be A Force For Good Despite Supernatural Evil

- (vv.18-20) Jesus, Master of deliverance/rescue; man was set free
- Man filled with gratitude/love; wanted to be with Jesus and follow Him
- Jesus directed man to ministry in his home; share what the Lord has done with compassion
- Man was to go and share so that others would be delivered as well; he was to do his part to help others overcome evil
- He did just that; went everywhere being soldier for good

- Eph. 6:13, “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”
- Eph. 4:26–27, “Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.”

