

8-24-14 Scripture Reading

Mark 5:1-19 (testifying)

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- 5** And they came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes.
- 2** And when He had come out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him,
- 3** and he had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one was able to bind him anymore, even with a chain;
- 4** because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him.
- 5** And constantly night and day, among the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out and gashing himself with stones.
- 6** And seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him;
- 7** and crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What do I have to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!"
- 8** For He had been saying to him, "**Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!**"
- 9** And He was asking him, "**What is your name?**" And he said to Him, "My name is Legion; for we are many."
- 10** And he *began* to entreat Him earnestly not to send them out of the country.
- 11** Now there was a big herd of swine feeding there on the mountain.
- 12** And *the demons* entreated Him, saying, "Send us into the swine so that we may enter them."
- 13** And He gave them permission. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand *of them*; and they were drowned in the sea.
- 14** And their herdsmen ran away and reported it in the city and *out* in the country. And *the people* came to see what it was that had happened.
- 15** And they came to Jesus and observed the man who had been demon-possessed sitting down, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the "legion"; and they became frightened.
- 16** And those who had seen it described to them how it had happened to the demon-possessed man, and *all* about the swine.
- 17** And they began to entreat Him to depart from their region.
- 18** And as He was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed was entreating Him that he might accompany Him.
- 19** And He did not let him, but He said to him, "**Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you.**"