



# JESUS stories



## Jesus Stories

“Jesus and the Demon Possessed Man”

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What's the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the phrase “spiritual warfare?” Have you ever had an experience with this?
2. **Read Mark 5:1-5.** Application point #1 from the message was “No one is outside of God's reach or God's grace.” Why is it easy to think that some people are beyond God's reach? Share an example when you found yourself actually doubting that God could reach someone who was far from Him.
3. Who do you need to KEEP PRAYING for in your life, in light of point #1 above?
4. **Read Mark 5:6-13.** Application point #2 is “There is a spiritual realm, and Jesus rules over Satan.” What parts of this story prove this?
5. How does this “invisible world” have a direct impact on our visible world and our actual lives?
6. **Read 1 Peter 5:8-9, and Ephesians 6:10-12.** What are your takeaways from these passages? What can you do (actively) to resist the tactics of our spiritual enemy?
7. **Read Mark 5:14-17.** Application point #3 is, “When Jesus changes things, don't ask him to leave.” In this passage, Jesus brought life transformation (to the demon-possessed man), yet it also changed things in the lives of the pig farmers and local residents. How does following Jesus sometimes bring changes that we resist? Share an example of a positive change in your life (as a result of following Jesus) that you actually resisted at some point. Why did you resist? Why do people resist the changes that Jesus wants to bring?
8. **Read Mark 5:18-20.** What do you observe from this last part of the story? Application point #4 is, “Tell your story to your own people.” In what ways does this empower or equip you to share the message of Jesus?

### CHALLENGE

It's been said that 90% of the spiritual battle takes place in our minds and hearts. Take time to reflect on your thought life. What influences your thoughts, and how do your thoughts influence you? **Read Romans 12:1-2**, and commit to spending time in God's Word to bring spiritual renewal to your mind and heart.

## **COMMIT TO MEMORY**

*“Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has shown mercy on you.”* **Mark 5:19**

## **PRAYER**

Pray for one another: to stay faithful in prayer for people you love that are far from God, to put on the full armor of God to stand firm in faith, to accept the changes Jesus is trying to make in our lives, and tell our personal faith stories to “our own people”—those with whom we share our lives.