

JESUS: MIGHTY TO SAVE!

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The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. (**Zephaniah 3:17a**)

Three ways Jesus demonstrates his power to save...

I. Jesus has _____ for the oppressed.

Mark 5:1 They went across the lake to the region of the **Gerasenes**.

A. Jesus pursues those under _____ attack.

Mark 5:2 When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an **evil spirit** came from the tombs to meet him.

B. Jesus pursues those who are without _____.

Mark 5:3-5 This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him any more, not even with a chain. 4 For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. 5 Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

Q1: Has Satan robbed you of _____? Hope? Joy? Family?

II. Jesus has _____ over the devil.

Mark 5:6-7 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. 7 He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? **Swear to God** that you won't torture me!" 8 For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you evil spirit!"

James 2:19 You believe that there is one God. Good! **Even the demons believe that - and shudder.**

A. Jesus has _____ over the supernatural world.

Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (**John 10:10; 1 Peter 5:8; 1John 4:4**)

1 John 3:8b The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. (**Isaiah 14:12-21 & Revelations 20**)

B. Demons are _____ in the presence of Jesus!

Mark 5:9-10 Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" 10 "My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." And he **begged** Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

Mark 5:11-13 A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. 12 The demons **begged** Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." 13 He gave them **permission**, and the evil spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

James 4:7 **Submit** yourselves, then, to God. **Resist** the devil, and he **will flee from you.**

III. Jesus has _____ to transform lives.

A. Proof of power #1: _____ pigs.

Mark 5:14-17 Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. 15 When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who **had been** possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 16 Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man--and told about the pigs as well. 17 Then the people began to **plead with Jesus to leave their region.**

Q2: _____ (What) do you love more? Jesus, or pigs?

Q3: What " _____ " in your life need to be killed?

B. Proof of power #2: New _____.

Mark 5:18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed **begged** to go with him.

Mark 5:19-20 Jesus did not let him but said, "Go home to your family and **tell them how much the Lord has done for you**, and how he has had **mercy** on you." 20 So the man went away and began to tell in the how much Jesus had done for him. **And all the people were amazed.**

IV. Summary: Jesus _____ his power to save.

1. Pursuing the **OPPRESSED** with his love.
2. Having **AUTHORITY** over the Devil.
3. Having the **POWER** to transform lives.