

Read Mark 5:1-10

- 1 So they arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes.
- 2 When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from a cemetery to meet him.
- 3 This man lived among the burial caves and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain.
- 4 Whenever he was put into chains and shackles—as he often was—he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him.
- 5 Day and night he wandered among the burial caves and in the hills, howling and cutting himself with sharp stones.
- 6 When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him.
- 7 With a shriek, he screamed, “Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don’t torture me!”
- 8 For Jesus had already said to the spirit, “Come out of the man, you evil spirit.”
- 9 Then Jesus demanded, “What is your name?” And he replied, “My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man.”
- 10 Then the evil spirits begged him again and again not to send them to some distant place.

When Jesus and His disciples went across the lake, who came up to meet them (v. 2)? A demon possessed man or a man with an evil spirit living in him.

What is a demon or evil spirit? An angel that follows after Satan and hates Jesus.

Where did the demon possessed man live (v. 3)? In the cemetery, which was a bunch of caves where dead people were buried.

What else do we know about the man (vv. 3-5)? Read and talk about vv. 3-5

What did the demon possessed man do when he saw Jesus (vv. 6-7)? Ran and fell on his knees in front of Jesus. Then he shouted as loud as he could. He was afraid of Jesus. He knew who Jesus was.

What did he ask Jesus *not* to do to him (v. 7)? To not torture him.

What did Jesus ask him (v. 9)? What is your name. **What did He tell Jesus his name was?** Legion

What did his name mean? A Roman legion was about 6000 men. So, there were a lot of demons living in him. Not just one. He was trying to scare Jesus

What did he beg Jesus *not* to do (v. 10)? To not send them out of the area.