



“MORE THAN A NAME”

(LESSONS FROM UNNAMED PEOPLE IN THE SCRIPTURE WHO LEFT AN UNDENIABLE IMPACT)

A SHAMELESS NAMELESS MANIAC

TEXT: Mark 5:1-20

INTRODUCTION: In the scriptures before us, we find a man without hope – possessed with a legion of demons, living in a graveyard, this man was a _____ to society. Each of us can be thankful that no one is beyond the reach of God’s love (**Hebrews 7:25**). God specializes in turning impossible situations into miraculous testimonies of His power and _____. Too many times we tend to view Satan as a *bother* rather than the **beast** that he is – his mission is one of *pure misery and utter destruction* (**John 10:10**). There is not an account in scripture that proves Satan’s destructive nature in human lives like this unnamed demon-possessed man.

We can find comfort in knowing that Satan is not omnipotent, and his power is limited. In this lesson we find him meeting his _____. (**Ps. 62:11, Jeremiah 32:17**). While Satan’s mission is to destroy lives, the mission of Jesus is to save lives, restore lives and to make life new! (**John 19:10, John 10:10, II Corinthians 5:17**).

This lesson is shared in four parts and it opens with -

I. A _____ PRESENCE (**Ephesians 6:12**)

Paul warned the Church at Ephesus that Satan and his demons make up the “*principalities, powers, and rulers of darkness*” of this world. Though these spirits are not seen by the naked eye, they are no less _____.

A. A MORBID RESIDENCE (**Mark 5:2-3, Ephesians 2:1, Isaiah 1:6**)

Satan’s destructive strategy is seen in the life of this unnamed maniac.

Men have tried since the beginning of time to *hide/camouflage* their lifeless condition behind beautiful houses, fancy cars, trendy _____ and cool gadgets, but the inward picture of man is very different.

B. A MOCKING _____ (**Mark 5:3-4, Proverbs 18:6-7**)

Satan’s influence through sin makes the flesh of men feel powerful and invincible, causing lost people to laugh about his lost and sinful lifestyle, mocking God and His _____.

C. A MONSTROUS _____ (**Mark 5:5, Hebrews 11:25, Job 15:20, Prov. 13:15**)

Again, we learn that we are free to make choices, but we can’t choose the consequences of our choices. This man had no idea of the misery he would live under with Satan in total control.

The four seasons of the year are only _____ months long, and they come and go. Like these seasons the *seasons* of sin are short lived. (*Alcohol, drugs, illicit sex, gambling, thievery etc.*) The pleasures of sin had _____ for this **unnamed maniac** – left to house a legion of demons that tormented him both day and night.

II. A _____ PLEA (Mark 5:6, John 6:44, Hosea 11:1-4)

A. THE DRAWING OF A LOVING SAVIOR

Knowing that Jesus was near – this nameless maniac _____ to Him.

When men are convinced of the *difference* that Jesus can make in their lives, they respond!

All through the Old Testament, we find God loving drawing Israel to Himself, even when they were resisting Him. Let's not _____ the rejection of some, their resistance may be the drawing of the Holy Spirit.

B. THE _____ OF A LEGION OF SPIRITS (Mark 5:7-12)

Thousands of demons are no match to the Son of God. With Christ in us, Satan has no power _____ us! (I John 4:4, James 4:7-8)

CONCLUSION: In our next study, we will look at the **Divine Power** that came to work in this nameless maniac's life and the **Distinct Peace** that he came to find in Jesus. This lunatic came to find what only Jesus has the power to give. Every *blood-bought child of God* is a walking billboard for **Christianity**. Let's determine to allow the testimony of our lives to be a powerful witness to the _____ of _____!