

**Introduction:**

- Mark 5:1-20
- **Zombie Dreams:** I don't play zombie videos games, I do not watch walking dead. So these are not dreams from life I live.
  - **First dream:** When I saw the zombies, and we started to kill them, I did not feel right in spirit about doing this. When I stopped shooting them, I started pushing them away and discovered they really were not dangerous. They could not hurt me.
  - **Second dream:** The zombies were coming toward us again. As the group with me began to prepare to shoot zombies, I yelled out, "Don't shoot! These are people." Then I woke up.
  - One zombie dream can be bad pizza. Two zombie dreams and God is trying to say something to me.
  - I asked God about the zombies, here is what I got:
    - Zombies represent a false resurrection of the dead that exists to create fear. People who live under demonic influence create fear in other people's lives. Christian or non-Christian.
    - Zombies are the walking dead, they can be believers who live under the influence of the prince of the power of the air rather than under the power of the Spirit in the atmosphere of heaven.
    - Zombies are a picture of marred humanity that is in need of restoration.
- *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come."* (Luke 4:18-19, NLT)
- *"So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free."* (John 8:36, NLT)

**I. Jesus Came To Deliver Captives**

- A. Sin makes us prisoners of hell. Our own disobedience to God makes us a slave to sin. Generational curses take family lines prisoners of generational diseases, sins, emotional bondages. The result/fruit of sin in the garden was that all men died, are constantly moving toward death and living in decline.
  - Ie. The medical field and insurance industry want to know your family history because certain diseases seem to follow family lines.
  1. Captives - aixmalotos - Gr. "Prisoner of war"
  2. Release, to pardon, to let go, to forgive.
- B. Jesus meets a prisoner/a captive.
  1. This man no longer has the image of God upon him.
  2. He is possessed by an evil spirit.
  3. He live in the realm of death (cemetery)
  4. He has power from hell itself and he breaks chains when bound.
  5. He causes such fear that others avoid him. Demons manifesting in him cause others to avoid him.
  6. He cut himself
    - a) Self-hatred.
    - b) Self-destruction.
    - c) Dr. Levenkron says, "Self-mutilation is cutting yourself, burning yourself, lacerating your skin, attacking your skin in a variety of ways to perceive the pain and to feel the pain involved, because the pain involved and the blood that is seen distracts people from their emotional pain."
- C. Jesus is anointed to deliver Deliver. The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me and He has anointed me/smear me with the presence of heaven...to deliver! Why?
  1. Because He loves!

2. Because He is full of compassion!
  3. Because He desires all of humanity to be restored to God.
- D. Why does Jesus go to the demoniac?
1. Because He saw him as a good man. This is one of the amazing facts about God, He sees the good in all of us no matter how hideous we may look to others. He sees what we can be in His Kingdom.
  2. Because He wanted to call Him “upward” no longer to live under the prince of the power of the air. [Eph 2:1-4 Read]
  3. Because He wants to restore joy, peace and life beyond way beyond all the trauma that the enemy has ever forced upon us. The fruit of your deliverance is to overcome all the trauma of this life. Jesus casts the demons out of this mans life and he is freed!!! He is pardoned!!! He is forgiven!!! He WALKS!!!! Out of his prison. What prison are you living in? Jesus wants to set you free today! Lets look at the fruit of this mans deliverance.

## II. The Fruit of Deliverance

- A. Submission to Jesus:
1. *“Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”* (Matthew 11:29–30, NLT) Mt 18 speaks of the tormentors. Jesus speaks also of religious pharisees who heap burdens on people. But Jesus yoke is easy and light. Submission to Jesus is not a loss it is a gain...FREEDOM!!!
  2. You get life: John 3:16 Not perishing but ever lasting life.
  3. You get light: *“In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”* (John 1:4, NKJV)
  4. You get living water. If you are thirsty, come and drink...*“He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”* (John 7:38, NKJV)
- B. Fully Clothed
1. Nakedness covered. Genesis God makes skins to cover Adam and Eve.
  2. Shame is covered. God covers our shame.
  3. Guilt is removed.
- C. In his right mind. A person not in their right mind are tormented. Depression, fear, anger, rejection, fear of rejection, etc. These are all tormentors. But this man is in his right mind.
1. Confusion is gone.
  2. Fear is gone.
  3. Rage is gone.
  4. Torment is gone.
- D. The image of God is restored to this man.
1. Satan from the very beginning in the Garden sought to destroy the image of God in man. By getting man to believe a lie and sin, he brought death to humanity body, soul, and spirit.
- E. He becomes a living testimony to God. 5:19. Go angello- to announce, proclaim.
1. He is restored to his family. *“Go home to your family!”*
  2. He begins to show what Christ did and the mercy Christ showed him.
- F. Peace! Peace is the greatest gift Christ gives this formerly demon possessed, demon tormented man.

## III. Jesus Wants To Deliver You!

- A. We live in a spiritual war zone. And your adversary the devil does not sleep. He is taking prisoners every day and fighting to destroy your home, your life and your destiny. But Jesus has come to give you life and set you free.
- B. What must you do to be saved?

1. Acts 2:21 *Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!*
  2. Acts 2:38 Repent, be baptized, receive the Holy Spirit and activate the promises of God.
- C. Fight back!!
1. Wash with the Word. Eph 5:26
  2. Stay humble before God.
  3. Cleanse your house.
    - a) Get rid of occult objects. Anything new age, spirit worship,
    - b) Break generational sins.
    - c) false idols. Budda, hindu gods, greek gods, etc.
    - d) secret society objects: masons, books, literature,
  4. Anoint your house with oil.
- D. Why do this? To change the atmosphere of your home, marriage, family. You can create the atmosphere you live in. You have been given the authority to do that.

**Conclusion:**

- Receive Christ.
- Let's believe God to be set free today.