

Including the Excluded: Mark 5:1-20

Review the Previous Passages?

- Jesus tells the disciples, “Let crossover to the other side.” (Mark 4:35)
- A windstorm arises, but Jesus is asleep. (Mark 4:36-37)
- An unnamed disciple goes to Jesus and says, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”
- Jesus rebukes the wind and the sea.
- Then Jesus rebukes the disciples “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?”
- The disciples are astonished asking one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Jesus Heals the Unclean Man – Mark 5:1-20

Jesus commanded his disciples to Crossover for the:

1. **Socially Secluded** (Unwanted) (Mark 5:1-5)
 - The unnamed man was defined by his condition instead of his humanity.
 - The man was known, but unwanted. People repeatedly would bind him with shackles and chains.
 - The man who once had a home and friends in society now is relegated to live among the dead.

2. **Spiritually Polluted** (Unclean) (Mark 5:6-13) – The man known as a demoniac was possessed by an unclean spirit.
 - Spiritual possession has physical manifestations.
 - The man could not control his body. Night and day, he would cry out and cut himself with stones.
 - The man was bound by the unclean spirit, but the unclean spirit still had to submit to Jesus.

3. **Religiously Excluded** (Unqualified) (Mark 5:14-20)
 - Decapolis (10 cities) was a gentile area that had been set free from Jewish control.
 - Jesus tells the man to share, “how much the Lord has done.” Jesus included the gentiles (who were unqualified since they weren’t Jews) into the gospel.
 - Some scholars view this man as the first missionary to the gentiles.

The crossover experience isn’t always about your deliverance. Jesus called his disciples to crossover for the socially secluded, spiritually polluted, and the religiously excluded. Jesus is still calling His disciples to crossover.

Are you willing to crossover for someone else’s deliverance?