



## Mark: Following Jesus Immediately- Lord or Legion

**Introduction:** Throughout the Gospel of Mark, Jesus repeatedly is confronted by those possessed by evil spirits or demons who know His identity. Jesus casts them out without letting them speak, usually with instructions for those healed on what to do next. The question that seems to arise in their lives, and ours, is: Whose voice will we listen to?

### Discussion Questions

1. Do you ever feel like there are a hundred competing voices vying for your attention or telling you what you should do? How do you determine which voices to listen to or pay the most attention to?
2. Read **Mark 5:1-10** How is this encounter with an evil spirit different than some of the earlier encounters in Mark?
3. Read **James 2:19** How does this verse compare to Mark 5:10? Why would the demons be afraid of Jesus?
4. Read **Mark 5:11-17** This is the section that most people talk about the most. The region this takes place is a Gentile area, and these pigs are not owned by Jewish people as they avoid pigs. Any idea why Jesus would allow the demons to the pigs only for the pigs to rush off the cliff and die? Why do the people of the area beg Jesus to leave?
5. Read **Mark 5:18-20** How are Jesus' instructions to this man different from other people he has healed? Does knowing what we know about the region the man lived, and where he went (Gentile area) explain why Jesus told him to "go and tell?"
6. What would it look like for you to "go and tell" what Jesus has done for you?

**Shaping Your Mind** – *Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you...." Mark 5:19*

**Moving Forward** – Let Jesus be the voice that directs your paths.