

## Don't Mess With My Pigs

Mark 5:1-20

- This story starts with a demonic attack - 4:39 - Jesus “rebuked” the storm
  - This story is recorded of the demoniac is recorded in Mark 5, Matthew 8, and Luke 8
  - There are actually two demoniacs in Gadara -only one was freed
  - Matthew 8:28 - describes them as “exceedingly fierce”
1. “The other side”
    - Gadara was the pagan side of the Sea of Galilee
    - **Reference the map**
  1. 3 times in the text it tells us this man was living among the tombs
    - Vs. 3 - *his dwelling* - habitation
    - He was living in the dominion of death
    - Death was all over this man
    - He was death dominated
    - Vs. 5 - He is cutting himself with stones - Trying to commit suicide
  1. A man with an unclean spirit
    - Greek = *in the grip of an unclean spirit*
    - He didn't have an unclean spirit, the spirit had him in his grip
    - “Unclean” = *foul, lewd, vulgar*
  1. No man could bind him...
    - Bind - *they had tried but couldn't keep him bound*
    - Shackles - *chains around the feet*
    - Chains - *handcuffs about the hands*
    - Pulled the chains apart - *tear in half*
    - Broken in pieces - *smashing of bones / crushing grapes*
    - Tame Him - Greek *Damadzo* - *to domesticate, subdue, bring under control* - Word used to describe animal trainers who took wild animals and domesticated them.
  1. Night and Day
    - Crying - *unending painful shriek*
    - Cutting - *deep gash*
  1. Jesus said “come out of the man...”
    - In gospels when Jesus deals with demons he usually cast them out with a word...
    - Greek - *said and kept saying*
    - Come out of the man, come out of the man...
  1. What is your name
    - Legion - 6k demons

- Gadara was place were 10 legion camped - their standard (flag) was a boars head.

**Demons -> Pigs?** - the madness may have been an infection in the brain of the trichina parasite, commonly found infecting the muscles of pigs - and transmissible to humans in undercooked pork. The infected man would likely have been forced by poverty to eat this kind of food, and likely associated his "problem" with it because of the prohibition of pork under the Mosaic Law.

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