



"HE LIVED AMONG THE TOMBS"

MARK 5:1-13

The picture of uncleanness, and the further revelation of the Christ.

The power in a name;

MARK 1:24

²⁴ "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? *I know who you are—the Holy One of God.*"

MARK 3:11

¹¹ And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "*You are the Son of God.*"

ACTS 19:13–15

¹³ Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to *invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits*, saying, "I adjure you *by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.*" ¹⁴ Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. ¹⁵ But the evil spirit answered them, "*Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?*"

Though those who bear the image of God regularly deny Jesus' deity, the demons never do.

Demons possess greater physical strength than humans;

MATTHEW 28:2

² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came *and rolled back the stone and sat on it.*

The picture of the desperate and hopeless condition of man apart from Christ.

The demons understand the futility of running from the Strong Man;

AMOS 9:1–3

¹ I saw the Lord standing beside the altar, and he said: "Strike the capitals until the thresholds shake, and shatter them on the heads of all the people; and those who are left of them I will kill with the sword; *not one of them shall flee away; not one of them shall escape.* ² "*If they dig into Sheol, from there shall my hand take them; if they climb up to heaven, from there I will bring them down.* ³ *If they hide themselves on the top of Carmel, from there I will search them out and take them; and if they hide from my sight at the bottom of the sea, there I will command the serpent, and it shall bite them.*

MARK 7:29–30

²⁹ And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; *the demon has left your daughter.*" ³⁰ And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

PSALM 139:7-12

⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," ¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

The demon/man's falling before Jesus as an act of submission and/or worship;

MATTHEW 2:2

² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

MATTHEW 2:11

¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and *they fell down and worshiped him*. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

The foreshadowing of a Day to come

PHILIPPIANS 2:10-11

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The demons are fearful of Jesus' wrath

MATTHEW 8:29

²⁹ And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?"

LUKE 8:31

³¹ And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss.

2 PETER 2:4

⁴ For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, *but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;*

MATTHEW 12:43

⁴³ "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, *it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none.*

The picture of the Strong Man

Jesus will not be bound, but willingly binds Himself

Jesus came to destroy the works of Satan;

1 JOHN 3:8

⁸ Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. *The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.*

The demons' choice of the pigs;

GENESIS 3:1

¹ *Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'"*

LUKE 15:16

¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

The picture of lostness and slavery to sin and Satan

The picture of conversion