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**A Savior Who Sees About Our Troubles**  
**Mark 5:1-21**  
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There is a savior who can see about and see into troubled situations. Trouble has my phone number and email address. It will follow you to your living room and your dining room. It is in the boardroom and the classroom. No matter what, we cannot avoid trouble; it's on the way. However, trouble should not drive you crazy rather it should drive you to your knees.

Prayer is the only solution to your troubled situation. Everything about you will become better when you go down on your knees in prayer to the only person can solve your problem; and that's Jesus.

In our text for today, we are exposed to a man filled with demons and lives in a death filled place. As a result of this man's condition, he is living beneath his potential. He has allowed his circumstances to reduce his aim in life to be lower than what God had purposes for him.

As a result of his condition, the man lost relationships and was displaced from his family's home and city of origin. And so as we look at the text we find

**1. Trouble Was Displayed On The Exterior But Begins On His Interior**

We must look beyond the exterior and see what is really going in a person's life. According to the text this situation was more complicated than one would think, especially if you draw your conclusion from looking at the condition of the man based on his exterior.

The man's behavior is off the chain. From the surface, he exhibited self-destructive behavior. However, from the inside, an unclean spirit possesses him. He had a spiritual condition that could not be fixed by looking on the outside. Racism, violence, disobedience, inequity, disparity, inequality, and educational deficiencies are all soul problems that can only be remedied by Jesus Christ.

And as we look at the text, the people were trying to solve an extraordinary problem with an ordinary solution. They chained him down and locked him up. Think about it, chaining him down and locking him up didn't work then, and it doesn't work now.

However with Jesus, the man's trouble didn't have to last always, so the man approached Jesus believing that Jesus could free him from what was haunting him. Now watch this, you don't have to solve your problem before you go to Jesus. In fact, when you find yourself with a problem, the first thing you need to

do is to seek help from Jesus in prayer, because Jesus still has power over every burden, every problem, and every trouble we may have.

### **1. The Lord Can Turn Troubles Into Testimonies**

What you've been through can be a part of your future testimony. Jesus called the demons to come out of the man. And as soon as the demons came out of the man, they asked Jesus to go into some swine, but the swine didn't want them, and so the swine jumped of a cliff and drowned.

The town's people were not worried about the man as long as he had the demon, but as soon as the demons were removed from the man, the people became afraid and wanted Jesus to leave their region.

The man wanted to travel with Jesus but Jesus sends him back home to testify to his friends. Said differently, Jesus wanted the man's prior troubles to become part of his future testimony, so he asked him to go back home and tell his friends the great things that Jesus has done in his life.