

Title: "No Name"

Text: Mark 5:1-20

Target: "No names" in the Bible are the places where we get to fill in ours.

- I. **A Life That's Shattered:** *"And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs, a man with an unclean spirit." (Vs. 2)*
- A. **Separated & Alone:** *"lived among the tombs" (Vs. 3a)*
 - B. **Stripped from Clothes:** *"wore no clothes" (Luke 8:27)*
 - C. **Supernaturally Bound:** *"for he had often been bound with shackles and chains" (Vs. 4a)*
 - D. **Self Harm:** *"Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones." (Vs. 5)*

Question #1: *Where in your life have you felt like you've been living among "tombs", places of death, darkness, or isolation?*

Question #2: *What labels have you carried that don't belong to you, things people said, or that you believed, that God never named you?*

Question #3: *Are there areas where you've been trying to cover pain through self-harm, not just physically, but emotionally, spiritually, or relationally?*

- II. **A Name that's Greater:** *"What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." (Vs. 7)*
- A. **Demons Recognize Authority:** *"Son of the Most High God"*
 - B. **Demons Know the Future:** *"do not torment me"*
 - C. **Demons Occupy Strongholds:** *"And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country." (Vs. 10)*
 - D. **Demons Need Permission:** *"So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea." (Vs. 13)*

Question #4: *What strongholds in your life feel too powerful to break, but need to be surrendered to Jesus?*

Question #5: *Have you ever felt like Jesus was tormenting you when He was actually trying to heal you?*

Question #6: *What would change if you truly believed Jesus already gave you permission to live free?*

III. **A Mission that Matters:** *“And people came to see what it was that had happened.”* (Vs. 14)

A. No Fear: *“And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.”* (Vs. 15)

1. **Changed:** *“had the legion”*
2. **Companionship:** *“sitting there”*
3. **Clothed:** *“clothed”*
4. **Calm:** *“right mind”*

B. People over Profit: *“And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region.”* (Vs. 17)

C. Start at Home: *“And he did not permit him but said to him, ‘Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.’”* (Vs. 19)

Question #7: What evidence in your life shows that Jesus has changed you—clothed, calm, sitting in your right mind?

Question #8: Why do you think some people fear change in others, even when it’s clearly from God?

Question #9: Have you ever chosen comfort or profit over people—what does that reveal about what you value most?

Question #10: What is your testimony, and who in your community group needs to hear it?

Takeaway: You are not a “has been”; you are a “had been”! (Vs. 18)

What’s your “No Name” moment, the place where God met you with mercy instead of judgment?

If Jesus asked you to go and tell today, what would your story sound like?