



MARK 5:1-20



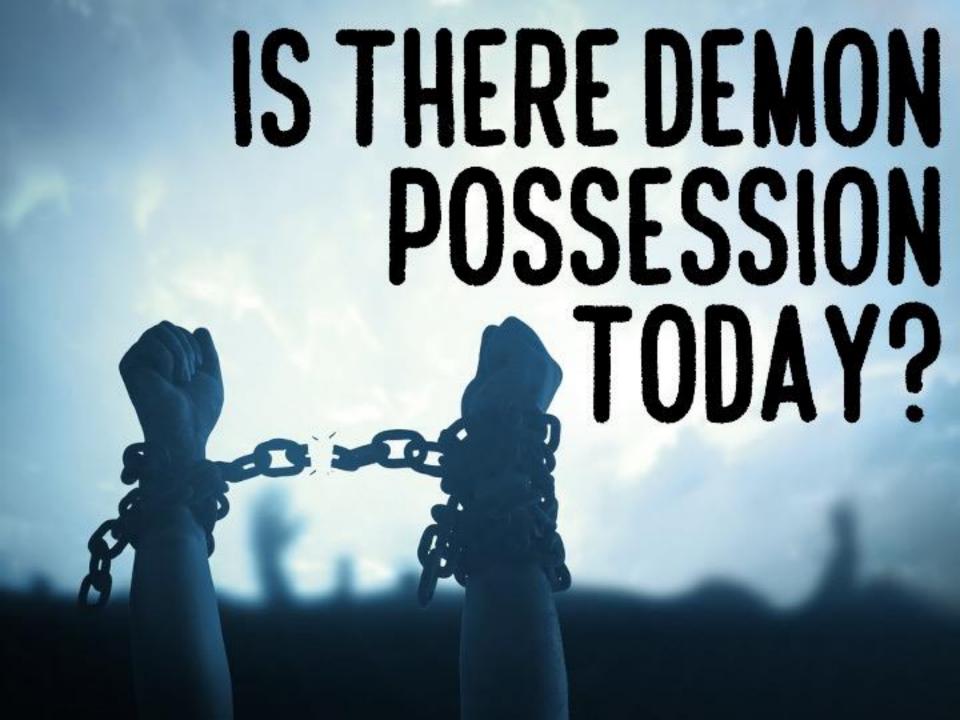
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- Demons seemed to manifest in different ways, some with superhuman strength, prescient abilities, or control over bodies to the physical detriment of the possessed.





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- Money, beauty, fitness, career, image, etc. all become dreams that keep us chained to a carnal path. Even with super strength or the ability to tell the future, demon possessed people are presented as suffering, lost, hopeless, shackled, abused, and trapped.

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- The demons certainly didn't want to have anything to do with Jesus. They know who He is (James 2:19). Similarly, we often push back when we're presented with the solution to our spiritual, moral, and emotional problems. The answer is right in front of us, but we say, "What do we have to do with you, Jesus?!"





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- Like the man in this story, our healing may mean a different kind of alienation, but it also provides opportunity to teach!