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Signs

KINGDOM

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Mark 5:6-10

A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. The demons begged Jesus, 'Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.' He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened.

Mark 5:11-14

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Mark 5:15-18

Jesus did not let him, but said, 'Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.' So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

Mark 5:19-20

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Matt 28:18-20

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... "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

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And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

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Mark 5:3-5

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Mark 5:6-7

Sign 2

The Gospel of Christ brings polarised responses

Way of the Cross

Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn 'a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— a man's enemies will be the members of his own household."

Matthew 10:34-36

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To those who have eyes only for economics, 2000 pigs are worth more than one formerly insane man. Mark, in his brilliant way, shows his audience what is at stake by first describing that they see the man fully humanised, and then describing what they see next: the drowned pigs. Two things are eyed and one is selected: the pigs.

WBC: Gospel of Mark

Sign 3

The mission of Christ persists

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## Discussion Ons



- Share the name of the person whom the Lord has put on your heart
- Describe the current relationship
- Commit to praying regularly for this person
- Consider (with God's wisdom) ways to reach out and enlist CG or brothers/sisters-in-Christ to help