

**Lord of All or not Lord at All!**



# QUESTIONS

1. Reading Mark 5:1-20, what do you think is the reason for Jesus coming to deliver the demoniac?
2. Jesus went out of his way to deliver the demoniac from the unclean spirit. What does this say about Him?
3. How would you respond knowing that Jesus is the Son of the most high God, the Lord of all?
4. Is there an area of your life that you need to repent because you have not been following Jesus as Lord of your life?

# Bible Study Method

**S**in/s to confess

**P**romise/s to claim

**E**xample/s to follow

**C**ommand/s to obey

**S**ignificant truths to learn



## Mark 5:1-20 ESV

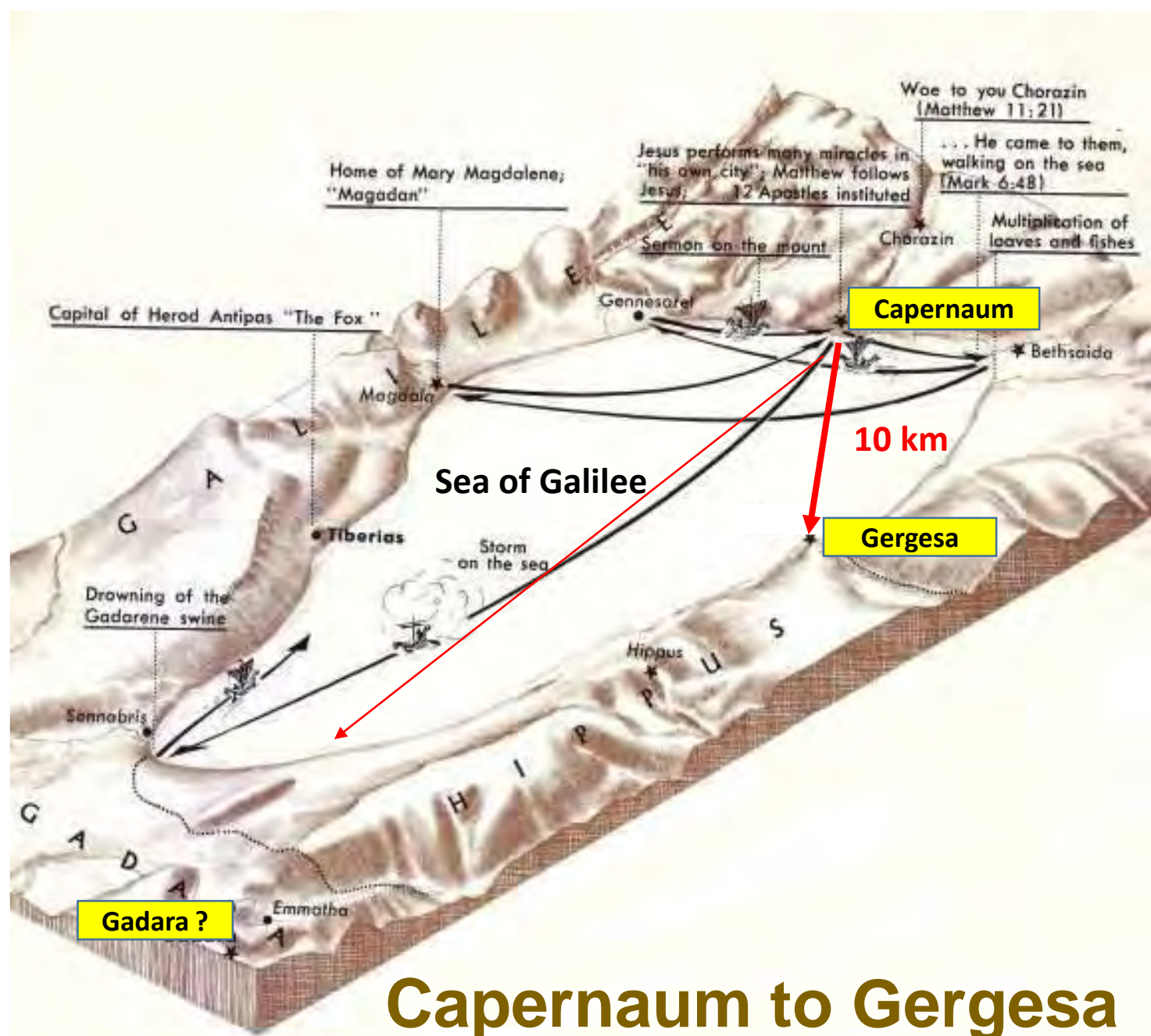
**5** They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. **2** And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. **3** He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, **4** for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. **5** Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones.

<sup>6</sup> And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. <sup>7</sup> And crying out with a loud voice, he said, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.” <sup>8</sup> For he was saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” <sup>9</sup> And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” <sup>10</sup> And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. <sup>11</sup> Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, <sup>12</sup> and they begged him, saying, “Send us to the pigs; let us enter them.” <sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. <sup>15</sup> And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup> And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. <sup>17</sup> And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. <sup>18</sup> As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. <sup>19</sup> 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." <sup>20</sup> And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

# **Country of Gergesa:** Steep slopes by the Sea of Galilee





# Capernaum to Gergesa



# **3 FORCES AT WORK IN THE WORLD**

1. Satan/Demons: Objects of Destruction & Disorder
2. Society/People: Objects of Reception or Rejection
3. Saviour: Object of Desire and Devotion

# Satan: Of Destruction & Disorder

- Not myths but real (unclean) spirits: 'unclean spirit' (v2, 8)
- Supernatural strength: 'no one had the strength to subdue him' (v4)
- Supernatural knowledge: Knew Jesus, knew they will go to hell (v7, 10)
- Ulterior motive: Destroy, devour, create disorder & distress (v5) (1Peter 5:8)
- Entry into humans/creatures (v2)
- "When Satan brings up your past, you bring up his future"

# Society: Reception or Rejection

- Limited but real influence (v3)
- Unable to cope with matters that are spiritual (v4)
- God gives people freedom to choose (v17)
- Choices come with consequences (v17)
- People fear change, loss (economic, comfort, etc) (v16,17)
- So people either choose to come to Jesus or go away from Him (v17, 18) (1 Timothy 4:1-2)

# 1 Timothy 4:1-2 (NLT)

4 Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons.

2 These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead.

# Saviour: Our Desire & Devotion

- Jesus, our Saviour, went out of his way to deliver the demoniac (v1)
- Jesus, 'Son of the most high God', has absolute power and authority on all matters (v7)
- "Most High" means 'strongest strong one', Who is beyond compare (v7)
- Nothing happens without Jesus' permission (v13)
- Even the evil spirits begged and tremble before Him (v12, James 2:19)
- Jesus is the Giver of life while Satan is the taker of life (v2-5, 15).
- Remember, "Satan's ploys are no match for the Saviour's power!"

# Steps to show Jesus is your All in All

- **A**ccept Jesus as Saviour AND Lord (“be with Jesus...” v18).
- **L**isten to Jesus (“Jesus said to him...” v19).
- **O**bey Jesus. Be where He wants you to be (“Go home...” v20).
- **T**estify of Jesus’ goodness and mercy (“began to proclaim” v20).

# Significant Truths

- Unclean spirit is not a myth nor a tale but is real.
- They are powerful creatures but none can stand the immeasurable power of Jesus.
- Jesus is Master of the Demonic. Demons begged and tremble before Him (v7. Also James 2:19)
- One man is worth far more than a herd of pigs
- People choose to receive or reject Jesus. Know the consequences.

# Significant Truths

- People tend to resist change because of familiarity and fear.
- Jesus is the Giver of life; Satan the taker of life.
- Following Jesus requires one to 'Go and Tell' what He has done for you.
- We all need the mercies of God.
- Satan Destroys, Society is Deficient, the Saviour is our Delight



# RESPONSE

- Sin to confess or avoid
- Promise to claim
- Example to follow