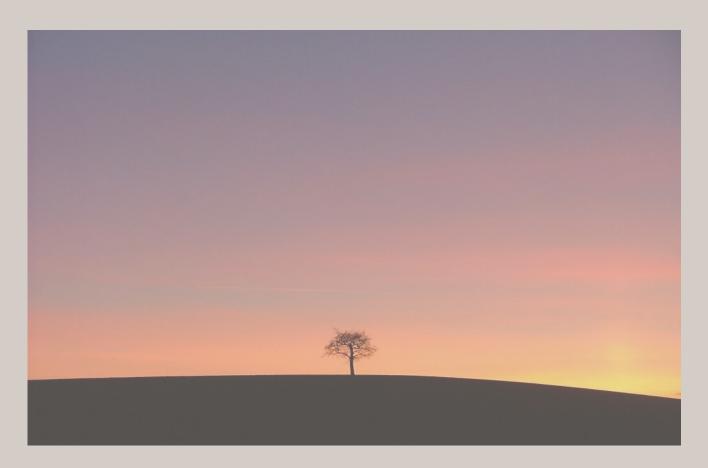


UNMASKED: face to face with Jesus

WEEK THREE



NOWHERE TO TURN

MARK 5:1-20 MARCH 19/20, 2022

GETTING STARTED

As you begin, spend five minutes in silence asking the Spirit of God to open your heart and mind to the Scriptures. Before you turn to our passage for the day, spend some moments thinking about the sermon. Was there any new insight or point that caught your attention? Summarize the sermon in a few sentences.

LEARNING & LIVING OUT THE SCRIPTURES:

Read Mark 5:1-20 aloud and slowly.

Take some notes on the life situation of the man in the tombs, the crowd, the overall situation, the demonic spirits and how Jesus interacted with each. Take note as to how each of the above reacted/responded to Jesus.

Can you talk about how this is not only an historic event but one that represents the human situation? Do you believe this is an example of how God is in search of humanity? How desperate is the human situation in this teaching? How dependent upon God's grace are we? Notice the crowd rejected God's coming to them. The demonic confronted the Lord. The man was delivered by the Lord. What do you think of each of these responses and how they reflect modern society?



LIVING INTO THE WORD

We are told in 2 Corinthians 5:20, that we are Christ ambassadors and it is as though God is making His appeal through us. Can you think of a time where the Lord reached out to someone who had lost hope through you? Can you see how our world is hopeless without Christ and though some will reject him (like the crowd) others are desperate for him (like the man.) Ask God to use you in such a life to bring them the hope of Jesus and out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light.

THE EXTRA MILE:

Do you know how to explain the salvation message of Jesus to someone? Would you be able to lead them in a prayer to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior? How to follow up? If not, do some online study and learn so that God can use you.

Close your study in prayer giving thanks to God for the person(s) He used to bring you to Christ. Make yourself available to God so that He can make His plea to another through you.