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Unit I: Called from the Margins of Society

Subject: One with a Mental Illness

Text: Mark 5: 1-13, 18-20

Key Verse:

[The man] departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel (Mark 5: 30, KJV).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) A Cry for Help (Mark 5: 1-8)
- 2) A Command that Healed (Mark 5: 9-13)
- 3) A Commission to Proclaim (Mark 5: 18-20)

Introduction:

The mental ill is a present factor in today's society, every family either has a family member who suffers with mental illness, or they know someone who are affected by mental illness. Mental illness has been less favorable in our society, they have not been accepted by humanity, and neither medical treatment are rarely available. If treatment is available the mental ill persons is often isolated from society. Although there are new medicines that psychiatric uses, that have been found to be successful treatments for the mental ill person. JESUS CHRIST encountered a demoniac man in the graveyard and healed him. This man mental illness was so bad that no one could help him nor contain him, the people tried every thing to contain him but the demoniac mental ill person would break whatever chains that they put on him. But JESUS CHRIST healed the demoniac mental ill person, and that same person that was healed by JESUS CHRIST asked JESUS CHRIST to allow him to become one of HIS followers. Do know that when you have been healed of your worse condition in life and you know that you are healed and who it was that healed you; you only want to be in his present, and to follow him where every he goes. That's when you have been in the present of the SON of GOD, JESUS CHRIST; HE (JESUS CHRIST) makes the different in our lives; your are no longer the same, you are healed completely, inside, and out, spiritually, and physically. Now do note that JESUS CHRIST did not grant the demoniac man's request, but instead, JESUS CHRIST told the demoniac man that was healed to go home and to be a witness to his family and to his community, in what the LORD JESUS CHRIST had done in his life.

Lesson Pointer # 2

- A Cry for Help (Mark 5: 1-8)

JESUS CHRIST and HIS disciples came over to the other side of the sea, entering into the country of the Gadarenes (Mark 5: 1). When JESUS CHRIST came out of the ship, a man possessed with an unclear spirit came out of the tombs. This possessed man who dwelled in the tombs; no man could bind him, not even with chains. Because the people had often bound him with fetters and chains, and the possessed man would pluck the chains off of

him, and break the fetters in pieces; and no man could tame him. This possessed demoniac man would be in the mountains, and in the tombs, night and day, crying, and cutting himself with stones. But when the possessed demoniac man saw JESUS CHRIST afar off, he ran to JESUS CHRIST and worshipped HIM (JESUS CHRIST), and the possessed demoniac man cried with a loud voice, saying, what have I to do with thee, JESUS CHRIST, thou Son of the most high GOD? The possessed demoniac man said that he request of HIM (JESUS CHRIST) by GOD the Father, that JESUS CHRIST torment him not. So, JESUS CHRIST said to the possessed demoniac man, come out of him, thou unclean spirit (Mark 5: 2-8).

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Lesson Pointer # 2

- **A Command that Healed (Mark 5: 9-13)**

JESUS CHRIST command the unclean spirit to tell HIM (JESUS CHRIST) his name. The unclean spirit answered and said, my name is Legion; for we are many. The unclean spirits knew that JESUS CHRIST was and is the Son of the most high GOD, said unto JESUS CHRIST do not send us away out of the country. Now there was in the mountains a great herd of swine feeding, and the unclean spirits requested of JESUS CHRIST to send them into the swine, that they might enter the swine's. Therefore, JESUS CHRIST granted the unclean spirits their request, and they entered into the swine, and the swine became mad and ran off the mountains into the sea and choked in the sea (Mark 5: 9-13).

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Lesson Pointer # 3

- **A Commission to Proclaim (Mark 5: 18-20)**

When JESUS CHRIST and HIS disciples was come into the ship; the man who had been possessed with the devil, or unclean spirits begged JESUS CHRIST that he might be with HIM. JESUS CHRIST said unto the man who had been possessed with the unclean spirits to go home to his friends, and to witness how great things the LORD JESUS CHRIST had done for him, and how JESUS CHRIST had compassion on him. The man that was possessed with the unclean spirits obeyed the words of JESUS CHRIST and when home and witness in Decapolis how great things JESUS CHRIST had done for him: and all the men did marvel. When you have been healed by the Son of the most high GOD, JESUS CHRIST, your witness of HIM and HIS greatness, become your main objective in life to do. In doing so, your witness of JESUS CHRIST become HIS testimony of what HE (JESUS CHRIST) had done for you, and to others who hears HIS testimony are drawn to HIM (JESUS CHRIST) through your witnessing of HIM.