



They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain...When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?"

Mark 5:1-7a

"An Unexpected Refusal"

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*Don't let your expectations define Jesus.
Let Jesus define your expectations.*

Problem We don't do well with _____.

Jesus and Refusals

- Jesus goes to the "_____ side" (the Greek side) of the Sea of Galilee.
- A Greek demoniac living among the tombs "ran and _____ down" before Jesus.

"What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?... My name is _____; for we are many."

Mark 5:7-9

- "Legion" is a unit in the _____ military of 120 cavalry and 6,000 men.

"And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea."

Mark 5:10-13

- Jesus casting out the demons is an _____ for casting out the Roman military occupation.

"The man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus _____..."

Mark 5:18-19

Us and Refusals

- Sometimes Jesus says "_____" and other times _____ things just happen.

"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"

Matthew 7:9-11

- When we receive a refusal:

-Be _____.

-Practice _____-denial

Faith is not about getting what we want.

The demons got what they wanted and it killed them.

Faith is about God getting what God wants.

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"[Humanity's] chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever."

-Westminster Catechism

Action Step

- _____ Jesus and _____ Him with the results.

- _____, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?"