



They arrived on the other side of the sea in the country of the Gerasenes. As Jesus got out of the boat, a madman from the cemetery came up to him. He lived there among the tombs and graves. No one could restrain him—he couldn't be chained, couldn't be tied down. He had been tied up many times with chains and ropes, but he broke the chains, snapped the ropes. No one was strong enough to tame him. Night and day he roamed through the graves and the hills, screaming out and slashing himself with sharp stones.

When he saw Jesus a long way off, he ran and bowed in worship before him—then bellowed in protest, “What business do you have, Jesus, Son of the High God, messing with me?”

Mark 5:1-7a

“An Unexpected Refusal”

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The Set Up: Jesus said, “*Let us go across to the _____ side.*” Mark 4:35
Jewish life was separated into categories of _____ and _____.
The _____ was a barrier between the two and represented peril. 4:36-38
Jesus’ _____ extends to the world of natural forces. 4:39-41

The Context: *Decapolis*, a federation of about _____ Gentile cities.
_____ soldiers occupied it since 6 CE or roughly a generation.
Jesus and the disciples arrive at _____ met by a howling madman.

The Confrontation: Out of a _____, he runs at Jesus. Mark 5:1-6a
He is impure in _____ ways, driven from human contact. Isaiah 65:1-4
He _____ before Jesus and shouts... Mark 5:6b-7
Jesus’ commands the unclean spirit to come out and it _____! 5:8.
Jesus’ second move is to ask, “*What is your name?*” 5:9
Legion is a unit in the _____ army of 6,000 men and 120 cavalry.

The Unexpected: The Tenth Legion used the _____ as its symbol.
The man begs Jesus not to send them “*out of the _____.*” 5:10
The _____ represent Roman military power “begging Jesus” not
send them out of the country.”

The word for “*herd*” is inappropriate for pigs and was most often used to
refer to a band of _____ recruits. 5:11-13
Enemy soldiers swallowed by _____ is the quintessential Jewish story.

 *There is no power so great, or pit so low, or trauma so shameful, that Jesus
can't reach out and heal you. - @MarkFosterA2*

“*He was _____ and in his right mind,*” evidence of healing. 5:14-15a
The people of the area did not receive the matter with **joy** but
“*were _____.*” 5:15b, 5:16-20

They beg Jesus to leave, he begs Jesus to take him. Jesus _____.

 *Just because Jesus says, “No,” to your request doesn't mean He's not
doing what's best for you. - @MarkFosterA2*

Months or years later, Jesus returns. Mark 6:53-56 Why the difference?
Healing has a _____ beyond restoration of the status quo.

Action Step: _____ Jesus and _____ Him with the results.