

Sermon Discussion Questions: February 15, 2026

Conqueror of Evil

Sermon Series: Learning the Way of Jesus

Passage: Mark 5:1-20

1. **The Reality of Evil**

In the sermon, Simon emphasized that Jesus distinguishes between emotional, physical, and spiritual affliction—and confronts evil as a real power.

- Where do you see evidence of evil as something more than just “bad choices” in your own life or in the world?
- Are you more tempted to ignore spiritual evil or to overemphasize it? Why?

2. **The Impact of Evil**

The Gerasene man was powerful yet isolated, self-destructive, and enslaved. The sermon described sin as promising freedom but producing slavery.

- Where have you seen something promise life or freedom but ultimately take more than it gave?
- Is there any area of your life where you feel trapped in patterns you “can’t seem to stop”?

3. **Managing vs. Destroying Sin**

The Gerasene’s pushed the man to the margins. Legalism tries to manage sin. But Jesus moves toward evil to destroy it.

- In what ways are you tempted to manage or minimize sin rather than bring it honestly to Jesus?
- What would it look like to invite Jesus into a “margin” of your life instead of keeping it contained?

4. **Love as the Difference Maker**

The turning point for both the demoniac and Riaan Swiegelaar was encountering the love of Christ. Love—not fear—led to surrender.

- Why do you think love is more transformative than rules or fear?
- How have you personally experienced Jesus’ love as freeing rather than condemning?

5. **Jesus Still Pursues “Lost Causes”**

The sermon ended with the reminder that Jesus is alive and still stepping into dark rooms and dark lives.

- Is there someone in your life who feels like a “lost cause”? How might this passage reshape the way you pray for or engage them?
- If Jesus pursued you when you couldn’t help yourself, what does that mean for how you live and speak about him now?