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### Power Play: From Victim to Viceroy

Mark 5:1-20

Series: *Getting In on the Good News*  
The Gospel of Jesus Christ According to Mark

### Central Passage

**Mark 5:18–20 (ESV)** — **18** As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. **19** And he did not permit him but said to him, “Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” **20** And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

**Central Thought:** We get in on the good news when we recognize the spiritual root of our problems – both personal and political – and look to Jesus as the ultimate source of our healing, peace and empowerment.

❖ We all need the help of a “higher power.”

○ “No one had the strength to subdue him...” (vs. 4)

**1 Timothy 5:24 (NLT)** — **24** Remember, the sins of some people are obvious, leading them to certain judgment. But there are others whose sins will not be revealed until later.

❖ None of us is too broken or dirty to turn to Jesus.

○ “What have you to do with me...” (vs. 7)

**John 4:7–9 (ESV)** — **7** A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ... **9** The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (See also all of John 4)

❖ Healing begins with honesty – confession.

○ “What is your name?” (vs. 9)

**1 John 1:9–10 (ESV)** — **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

❖ Jesus – by the word of his mouth – will finally defeat everyone and everything that is unclean (unholy) and that sets itself against the justice and mercy of God.

○ “So he gave them permission...” (vs. 13)

**Revelation 19:15–16 (ESV)** — **15** From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. **16** On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

❖ Jesus restores us and empowers us to be his agents of hope and healing in the world until he comes.

○ “Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you...” (vs. 19)

**Acts 1:8 (ESV)** — **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (See also **2 Corinthians 5:16–20**)