



A true **NEW BEGINNING**

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Though we may be capable of becoming a better version of ourselves, there is a deep-seated transformation that only divine intervention can make possible. Jesus is the Only One who can give us a true new beginning that persists throughout our lifetime and continues forever! In Mark Chapter 5, we find the story of a desperate and hopeless man who was completely made new in Christ – a lasting and matchless life transformation that is available for everyone who put their faith in Him!

THE NEED FOR A NEW BEGINNING *(Mark 5:1-5)*

In Mark 5:1-2, Jesus and his disciples arrived by boat on the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee and were immediately met by a “demonized” man who lived among the tombs. Why did this man need a new beginning? He was spiritually dead! This “spiritual deadness” originated from Adam and Eve’s disobedience to God (Genesis 2:16-17). When Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, they did not die instantly, but they became spiritually separated from God. This is true for all of us as well. Before coming to Christ, we too were dead in our trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1-2). And though we may not be literally “demonized”, we followed Satan’s ways. All of us have lied at least once in our lives, a characteristic of Satan the deceiver. Like the man in the story, we are out of control, desperately trying to find meaning and escape in the wrong places such as social media, alcohol, drug abuse, pornography, and even suicide. The truth is, we do not have the power to make a change on our own, we need Jesus. Until we recognize this, we cannot have the new beginning that we are longing for.

THE POWER FOR A NEW BEGINNING *(Mark 5:6-17)*

Jesus holds the power we need to experience a new beginning. He has ultimate and absolute authority over all things including nature (Mark 1:21-22; 4:37-41) and supernatural forces (Mark 5:6-8, 11-13, Luke 8:30-3). The devil seeks to destroy us, but Jesus came to destroy the works of the evil one and give us an abundant life (John 10:10, 1 John 3:8). That’s why we cannot separate Christmas, the Resurrection, and the Return of Jesus – it’s a “package deal” that He accomplished to save us and make us into a brand-new person, the old life is gone; a new life has begun (2 Corinthians 5:17). In the same way that Jesus has freed and restored the demonized man, we too can walk in newness of life through His Holy Spirit’s power at work within us (Galatians 5:16, 22-23).

TELL OTHERS ABOUT THE NEW BEGINNING *(Mark 5:18-20)*

The response of the man set free by Jesus reminds us of how the shepherds responded to the angel’s message about Christ. He went away and told others how much Jesus had done for him (Mark 5:18-20). This new year, let us tell those who need a new beginning, of Christ’s power to have a true new beginning! This is our mission and vision as a church family (Matthew 28:18-20). As we face 2023, let us put our hope not in the New Year, but in the One who makes all things new. Let us experience a true new beginning in Christ, and help others do the same!

last week's **MEMORY VERSE**

And He did not let him, but He said to him, “Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you.”

MARK 5:19

discussion **QUESTIONS**

- Have you experienced a new beginning because of Jesus? How did it happen?
- In what areas of your life do you need the power of the Holy Spirit to better obey Jesus?
- Who will you talk to this week about how they can have a new beginning with Jesus?

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LOOKING FOR ANSWERS? THINK YOUR
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HERE TODAY IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here for His purpose.

1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a
meaningful life with Him in the
present and gain eternal life with
Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God,
He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps**
His covenant and His lovingkindness to
a thousandth generation with those who
love Him and keep His commandments
—Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin
separates us from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away
from God's saving presence.
— Romans 3:23*

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only
way for us to be reconciled to
Him: through His son, Jesus
Christ. Jesus had to die on the
cross for our sins and be raised
to life for eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love
toward us, in that while we were yet
sinners, Christ died for us. Much more
then, having now been justified by
His blood, we shall be saved from the
wrath of God through Him.
— Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father but through
Me. — John 14:6*

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus
Christ, we are forgiven of our sins
and saved from eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He
gave His only begotten Son, that
whoever believes in Him shall not
perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved
through faith; and that not of
yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as
a result of works, so that no one may
boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9*

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have
eternal life when you trust in
Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has
given us eternal life, and this life is in His
Son. He who has the Son has the life; he
who does not have the Son of God does
not have the life. These things I have
written to you who believe in the name
of the Son of God, so that you may know
that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13*