

A Come to Jesus Meeting

Scripture: Mark 5:17, 6:56

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Introduction

Sometimes on my job, an employee will begin slacking on his responsibilities. When this happens, I've heard my team lead say, "If he doesn't change, I'm going to have a 'come to Jesus meeting with him.'"

In our text we have two very different responses when people came to Jesus. So different, in fact, that I'm amazed at the responses.

I. Those who asked Jesus to leave them alone

Mark 5:1-4 KJV And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. ²And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit ³Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: ⁴Because he had been bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him

- A. The demons dispatched
- B. The herd of swine runs into the sea
- C. The former demon possessed man found clothed and in his right mind

John 10:10 KJV The thief cometh not, but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I am come that they might live, and that they might have it more abundantly.

- D. The crowd is oblivious to the miracle that has taken place
 - 1. They viewed Jesus presence as an interruption of their life
 - 2. They saw no benefit to Jesus' presence in their region
 - 3. They saw the deliverance of the demoniac as a financial disaster
- E. The crowd sends Jesus away

II. Those who came to Jesus for a ministering touch

Mark 6:56 KJV And whithersoever he entered,

into villages, or cities, or country, they laid sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were the border of his garment:

- A. They understood the extent of their need
- B. They understood that Jesus had the answer

Matthew 8:5-7 KJV And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, ⁶And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. ⁷And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.
- C. They were willing to be inconvenienced to received their answer

Mark 6:55 KJV And ran through that whole region round about, and **began to carry about in beds those that were sick**, where they heard he was
- D. They experienced wholeness and wellness because they came to Jesus

Mark 6:56b KJV ...and as many as touched him were made whole.

III. My personal response to Jesus

John 1:11-12 KJV He came unto his own, and his own received him not. ¹²But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

- A. You have a choice as to how you come to Jesus
- B. Jesus never forces himself on us
- C. When we bring our need to Jesus, he will always meet it

Mark 10:46-47, 51-52 KJV And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus sat by the highway side begging. ⁴⁷And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. ⁵¹And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight ⁵²And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made the whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

- D. We must be willing to follow Jesus after he has met our need

Conclusion

Are you trying to control your life? Do you plan to be the master of your own destiny? Are you asking Jesus to depart from your life? What will you do when you come to Jesus?