
The Deliverance of Jesus

Witnessing the Works of Jesus

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Subject: Witnessing the Works of Jesus: The Deliverance of Jesus

Previous Series (Witnessing Jesus): Interrogating, The Way, The Truth, The Life of Jesus

Current Series (Witnessing the Works of Jesus) Messages:

- John 9: ***4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.***
- Subject: **The Blessings of Jesus** (Revelation, Impartation, Ordination)
- Subject: **The Healing of Jesus** (Wounds, Conditions, Fears of the Broken Hear)

Lesson Text

Mark 5:1–9 (AV)¹ And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. ² And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, ³ Who had *his* dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: ⁴ Because that he had been often 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. ⁵ And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. ⁶ But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, ⁷ And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, *thou* Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. ⁸ For he said unto him, ***Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.*** ⁹ And he asked him, ***What is thy name?*** And he answered, saying, My name *is* Legion: for we are many.

Matthew 12:43–45 (AV)⁴³ ***When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.*** ⁴⁴ ***Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.*** ⁴⁵ ***Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.***

Introduction

We've been looking at the five works of Jesus in Luke 4:18, to be witnesses of them!

Luke 4:18–19 (AV)¹⁸ ***The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*** ¹⁹ ***To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.***

Jesus gives us 5 things he was anointed to do.

1. Preach the Gospel to the Poor
2. Heal the Broken Hearted
- 3. Deliver the Captives**
4. Recover Site to the Blind

5. Set at Liberty the Bruised

Last week we looked the first Work, Preaching the Gospel to the Poor: **The Blessings of Jesus**

- **Healing the Wounds of the Broken Heart; must be Bound in the Spirit**
- **Healing the Conditions of the Broken Heart: must be Rebuilt in the Spirit**
- **Healing the Fears of the Broken Heart: must be Loved in the Spirit**

Today we want to look at the 3rd Work of Jesus, to Deliver the Captive.

A captive is a person who has been taken prisoner and held in confinement. As it is referenced in Luke 4:18, it takes on the meaning, Prisoner of War.

It speaks to both the persons condition (imprisoned), and why (at war).

The war we are referring to here is the spiritual war between God's people and Satan's unclean spirits; and the captivity speaks to those who have been imprisoned in the mind.

This spiritual captivity as debilitating effect on Christians that is designed to take them out of the game, out of the battle by putting them in a cycle of captivity, and mind of captivity, and a control of captivity!

To get them back in the fight, spiritual war; we must witness that Jesus came to deliver them.

Series and Subject: Witnessing the Works of Jesus: The Deliverance of Jesus
Breaking the Cycle of Captivity, the Mind of Captivity, and the Control of Captivity

I. Breaking the Cycle of Captivity

Mark 5: ⁹ And he asked him, **What is thy name?** And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.

A legion during this time was a Roman army unit of 6826. This man was in captivity of nearly seven thousand unclean spirits. And it was the result of a cycle of captivity.

By cycle of captivity, I mean a life style where when and if a person gets out of a circumstance or situation, they get pulled back into it over and over again.

A cycle of poverty, a cycle of hurt, a cycle of anger, bitterness, disappointment, abuse.

The problem is not simply that we get pulled back in, it is what happens when we do.

Matthew 12: 45 (AV) ⁴⁵ **Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.**

What Jesus is teaching us here is that 1 unclean spirit becomes 7, 7 becomes 49, 49 becomes 343, 343 becomes 2401, and pretty soon you are at legion level.

To Break the Cycle of Captivity, we must Change our Environment.

Matthew 12:44 (AV)⁴⁴ **Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth *it* empty, swept, and garnished (In Order).**

The environment is first Unoccupied; that is, we left a room empty and a key under the mat.

Secondly the environment is Sweet and Garnished; that is, in order and favorable for reentry.

2 Corinthians 6:¹⁷ Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord,...

1 Peter 1:16 (AV)¹⁶ Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

II. Breaking the Mind of Captivity

Mark 5: ⁶ But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, ⁷ And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, *thou* Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

This man both simultaneously worshipped and protested the presence of Jesus. His mind was split between wanting out and staying in; and it was making him crazy.

James 1:8 (AV)⁸ A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

This happens because we have two spirits in us at war against each other.

Romans 7:21–23 (AV)²¹ I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. ²² For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: ²³ But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

We don't know our hearts and we can't trust our hearts!

Jeremiah 17:⁹ The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

To Break the Mind of Captivity, we must Change our Hearts.

Psalms 51:10 (AV)¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

How do we change our heart, get God to create a clean heart?

James 4:8 (AV)⁸ Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, ye sinners; and purify *your* hearts, ye double minded.

- We must get closer to God (say yes to his will and his word)
- We must cleanse our hands (stop dabbling in sin, wash our hands of this world)
- We must purify our thoughts, emotions, and our will.

Philippians 2:5 (AV)⁵ Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

III. Breaking the Control of Captivity

Mark 5: ⁸ For he said unto him, **Come out of the man, *thou* unclean spirit.**

The Deliverance of Jesus is about Breaking out of Captivity

- **To Break the Cycle of Captivity, we must Change our Environment.**

- **To Break the Mind of Captivity, we must Change our Hearts.**
- **To Break the Control of Captivity, we must Change our Spirit.**

The final stage of our jail break from captivity is how unclean spirits controls us.

Mark 5: ⁴Because that he had been often 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. ⁵ And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

Unclean spirits are uncontrollable by human methods; any attempt to do so will drive you crazy.

Ephesians 6:12 (AV)¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

We must learn to Walk in the Spirit

- Galatians 5:16 (AV)¹⁶ *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

We must learn to Pray in the Spirit

- Ephesians 6:18 (AV)¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
- Romans 8:26 (AV)²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

We must War in the Spirit

- 2 Corinthians 10:³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: ⁴For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;
- 2 Corinthians 10:5 (AV)⁵ Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;
- Isaiah 54:17 (AV)¹⁷ No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. *This is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.