SERMON GUIDE-April 25, 2021

The Defeat of Darkness Mark 5:1-20 Pastor Niall Philyaw

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Are you more inclined to think of demons as very active or very absent? Why is that?
- 2. What is the danger of ignoring spiritual forces of evil? What is the danger of obsessing about them?
- 3. Why do you think the demons wanted to go into the pigs only to drown them so soon?
- 4. Why did the townspeople want Jesus to leave the area? What does this tell us about their hearts?
- 5. We have talked about the Messianic mystery, that is, Jesus keeping his identity secret from the crowds. Why do you think Jesus now tells this delivered man to spread the news?
- 6. What can you tell from Scripture regarding the man's missionary activity?
- 7. Has Jesus ever told you "no" to something good in order to bring about something even better?
- 8. Is the idea of being "sent home" different from the normal way we think about missionary activity? How so?
- 9. Today, in light of Jesus' mighty power, what are you asking (or begging) him for?
- 10. Let's pray together for that today.