

Jesus Rocks Hell's Angels

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When most people think of "hell's angels" they think of rough tough bikers. They're definitely one of the toughest, meanest motorcycle gangs ever to ride the road... kind of like what you're about to see...

Video Clip –“Barnyard” (when they are riding the m-cycles)

This message really isn't about those Hell's Angels... it's about the real hell's angels... fallen angels... demons.

Mark 5:1-20 NIV

They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. [2] When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an evil spirit came from the tombs to meet him. [3] This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him any more, not even with a chain. [4] For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. [5] Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

[6] When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. [7] He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won't torture me!" [8] For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you evil spirit!"

[9] Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." [10] And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them *out of the area*. (Note: Luke's recounting...)

Luke 8:30-31

Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. [31] And they begged him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

In Romans 10:7 the word is equivalent to Hades, the abode of the dead. In Revelation (where the King James Version renders invariably "the bottomless pit") *abussos* denotes the abode of evil spirits, but not the place of final punishment... **-International Standard Bible Encyclopedia**

-Although the Abyss (abussos) was not the lake of fire, it must be an unpleasant place for demons, because this bunch of demons sure didn't want to go there. One day ALL demons will be cast into the actual Lake of Fire, which is hell, the second death along with their leader, Satan.

Rev. 20:9-10 NIV

They (the deceived people of the earth) marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. [10] And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

When the demons saw Jesus, they recognized HIM to be the One that would bring their destruction. They knew that their end was coming, and that that would be tortured forever, and ever... They also knew Jesus, the SON of the MOST HIGH GOD would be the One that would send them to the Lake of Fire... only they were wrong about the timing... He wasn't coming for them yet... He will send them to a place of eternal torment, the Lake of Fire... very soon...

[11] A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. [12] The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." [13] He gave them permission, and the evil spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

[14] Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. [15] When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. [16] Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man--and told about the pigs as well. [17] Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

[18] As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. [19] Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." [20] So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

1. The Demonized Man Had Super-human Strength **(nobody could keep him chained up)**

People were afraid of this guy. He ran around naked all the time... lived w/ dead people, and he cut himself and yelled out loud. So they would try to chain him up... but it wouldn't work. Over and over again he would break the chains and escape.

Until one day, Jesus gets off a boat on the shoreline...

2. The Demonized Man Kneeled Down Before the Lord

And the demons BEGGED for mercy!!!

When Jesus showed up this man full of thousands of demons, this man who had superhuman strength and could break chains like they were an old ladies yarn... this guy knew he was NO match for the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords!!!

Jesus is more powerful than any and all the forces of Hell.

Sometimes Christians will say, "I've really been having it hard. Satan has been attacking my family." Or "The devil's really been on my back." You know what... that makes me mad!!! We don't have to put up with the devil's crap! He's got no authority when our Lord Jesus steps in the room. Jesus has stepped into our lives, and that means that Jesus is the authority in us now. What He says goes... not what the devil is telling you... not the lies of demons that try to deceive you... Jesus word is the final word in your life believer. Period.

So next time the devil or one of his puny little imps come knocking at your door. The next time they try to remind you of your past... remind them of their future.

3. The Man was set FREE

An encounter with Jesus changes things. That man was never the same. He was in his right mind... and he suddenly liked the idea of wearing clothes 😊. He even wanted to follow Jesus as a disciple, but Jesus asked him instead to go be a witness to his family.

4. Other People Missed the Miracle, Because They Were Focused On Material Things.

Bottom line... 2,000 pigs died. That's a lot of money. Have any of you raised a pig and sold it at fair? How much did it go for?

Imagine that times 2,000!!! That's big money. These people were more concerned about the money they lost than the man who had been set free. They asked Jesus to leave, probably because they were afraid he'd "mess something else up" for them. Jesus doesn't play on our terms...

His purpose is to set the captives free. He's not concerned so much with money. If our focus is on material things, instead of God's things, we too will miss the miracles of God.
Matthew 6:33 NIV

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

