



## Sermon Notes: The Bondage Breaker

### 1. How sin destroys you.

- a. Sin isolates.
- b. Sin humiliates.
- c. Sin defiles.
- d. Sin enslaves.
- e. Sin renames.
- f. Sin kills.

### 2. How Jesus delivers you.

- a. Jesus comes.
- b. Jesus restores.
  - 1) Jesus associates.
  - 2) Jesus covers.
  - 3) Jesus cleanses.
  - 4) Jesus liberates.
- c. Jesus commissions.

### 3. What it cost Jesus to deliver you.

- a. It cost Jesus his reputation.
- b. It cost Jesus his life.

### 4. How the delivered you must live.

- a. Stand fast in your freedom.
- b. Go and tell others about the bondage breaker.



## Application Questions: The Bondage Breaker

1. What did you know about the “maniac of Gadara” before this message? What stuck out to you before or what did you think the story was about before?
2. Do you think actual demon possession still happens today? What do you observe (either by its presence or its absence) that seems to support your answer?
3. Is it ever appropriate for a Christian to say, “*The devil made me do it*”? Why or why not? [Support your answer from Scripture.]
4. What are some desirable things that sin seems to promise? [Look at *Genesis 3:6* if you need examples to get you started.] What ends up happening to these promises in the long run?
5. Be discreet (rather than sordid or gossipy), but what are some ways you’ve seen that sin...
  - isolates?
  - humiliates?
  - defiles?
  - enslaves?
  - renames?
6. Take a few moments to silently reflect and acknowledge *to yourself* what you’re currently in some form of bondage to. [For example, maybe it’s an attitude, a thought pattern, or a memory that controls you. Maybe it’s an action or activity that you should do, but don’t seem able to – or something you know you should quit, but don’t seem able to. Maybe it’s a lie about your identity that you’re always telling yourself.]
7. Look back at the 5 key words under #5. How are the things you listed under #6 doing each of these things to you?
8. How does this story speak to the things you listed under #6? What are some specific ways the Gospel breaks the bondage of these things that enslave and control you?
9. In *Luke 8:37*, the Gerasenes ran Jesus out of town because they were afraid of what it would cost them if he stuck around. What will it cost you – how will it not be “business as usual” – if you really let Jesus do his bondage-breaking work in your life?
10. What one thing does God want you to do in response to this message?