



## LOVING THE UNLOVABLE

MARK 5:1-20

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- In this text, we have one of the most dramatic conversions in the Bible.
- There was not a lot to love about this guy!
- God's desire is for us to reach out and love the unlovable. Why does God expect this of us?

**First, because Jesus has ascended to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Jesus Christ loved this man that nobody else loved.
- *"Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more... Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."*  
**2 Corinthians 5:16, 20**
- Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ longer walking this earth in the flesh. We are His ambassadors and representatives.

**Second, because \_\_\_\_\_ is operating on the earth.**

- *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” 1 Peter 5:8*
- Satan preys on people who are down and out, who feel unloved and have nobody.
- Who will stand in Satan’s way? Only Spirit-filled believers who decide to love the unlovable and show them \_\_\_\_\_ love.

**Third, because Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ can revolutionize a person’s life.**

- After Jesus showed this disturbed man love and compassion, notice what the Bible says in verse 15:
  - Sitting – this man’s heart that was filled with unrest was now at peace.
  - Clothed – this man outwardly looked different.
  - In his right \_\_\_\_\_ – this man became completely rational.
- Jesus saw beyond what this man was to what he could be.

Christ can change anybody. Christ’s love can revolutionize anybody’s life, but His love must first be \_\_\_\_\_ and then received.



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