

- *Hey*
 - *Jurassic Park*
 - *Special effects to show you things you'd never seen before.*
 - *1995 - Independence Day came out in theaters.*
 - *Seminal movie experience for teenagers in the 90s.*
 - *Seen things you've never seen before as special effects became more ultra realistic.*
 - *But the story behind it needs to be of good quality as well.*
 - *You*
 - *So far in Mark, you've seen some amazing things.*
 - *A lame man has been healed. A demon-possessed man has been healed.*
 - *But you've never seen anything like this to this point.*
 - *Look*
 - *He's going across the sea.*
 - *Why's he going there? That's Gentile territory. Godless heathens.*
 - *Steps out and there's a cemetery right there. - Unclean*
 - *A man comes running out of the tombs at Jesus. Uncontrollable. Strong enough to break chains. Out of his mind. Stark raving mad.*
 - *Anyone here a fan of horror movies?*
 - *Turn down the volume and watch them. It takes the fear right out. I think that happens with this story. We don't know the context, and it takes the fear right out. Or we're introduced to this story in Sunday school with the fear taken right out.*
 - *The demon knows Jesus' name! They believed in that day that names were a thing of power over someone or something.*
 - *There's a Legion inside this man. 6000 soldiers comprised a Legion.*
 - *But Jesus defeated it. After some back and forth, Jesus defeated it.*
 - *But then there's this scene like in Independence Day with New York City being destroyed. 2000 swine all rush into the lake and drown. The effect - swine were unclean animals that Jewish people avoided at all costs.*
 - *The community was affected. Lives experienced loss. The effect was that the town begged Jesus to leave. He was too much for them.*
 - *And at the end, the victim who was rescued, whose life was changed, he wants to go with Jesus. But Jesus sends him back as a witness to his life being changed. Here in Gentile territory, the word about what God has done for him needs to be known. And all were amazed.*
 - *Do*
 - *What do we make of a story like this?*
 - *It demonstrates Jesus' power. His authority. For the readers, they would have been hoping for someone to come in and defeat Legion, but he purposely went across the sea to tell this story. And what does Jesus do with his power? He rescues one person.*
 - *For Jesus to come in and do some cleaning up in our lives, there are some things that we will lose. There is a cost to following Jesus. Those who want to save their lives lose it, but those who lose their lives for my sake and for the sake of the gospel find it.*
 - *The man found his life when Jesus came in, and there was a lot of work to do. His life would never be the same. He lost some power, some strength in his life, but he regained himself. He was a captive to that power. But Jesus set him free.*