

Mark Part 31 The Graveyard Bystanders

¹⁴ The herdsmen fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. People rushed out to see what had happened. ¹⁵ A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and **they were all afraid.** ¹⁶ Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demon-possessed man and the pigs.

¹⁷ And the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone. (Mark 5:14–17 NLT)

1. People are afraid of the radical _____ Jesus brings.

²⁶ “If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ “But **don’t begin until** you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it? (Luke 14:26–28 NLT)

2. The broad path to destruction is _____ and the Gadarenes wanted it.

¹³ “You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. ¹⁴ But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it. (Matthew 7:13–14 NLT)

3. Accepting Jesus brings _____.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits (Psalm 103:2 BRG)