

SERMON NOTES

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Jesus Before Christianity

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Your Story Can Become Your Ministry-Mark 5:15; 18-20

The “Jesus Before Christianity” series addresses the crucial need for clarity about what it truly means to follow Jesus Christ, beyond the label “Christian.”

Mark 5:15, 18-20 “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. As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” 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.”

“Some people, devoid of empathy and humanity, serve as agents of darkness, leaving a trail of hurt and despair in their wake, revealing the severe absence of light in their souls!”

— Shaila Touchton

Seven Subtle Signs That Someone Sees You: Jesus Style:

- They Make You Feel Seen Without Trying
- Their Kindness Is Consistent—Even When No One Is Watching
- They Give Without Keeping Score
- They Bring Calm Into Chaotic Situations
- They’re Humble In A Way That Feels Natural, Not Performative
- They Treat Everyone With Genuine Respect
- They Inspire You To Be A Better Person—Without Saying A Word

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The place of your greatest struggle can become the platform for your greatest testimony. Gradually, we build a relationship with ourselves as we clean up the things that keep us trapped in self-loathing and self-sabotage.

Healing and renewal are progressive processes, not instantaneous.

Our experiences of harm and loss deepen our compassion for others' struggles.

If we regret the past, we make amends by living differently today; if we dread the future, we work on living responsibly today.

Each day offers us opportunities to confront our darker impulses, reflect on ourselves, and cultivate healthy habits. This commitment to growth signifies that, regardless of our past or current state, we have the power to evolve.

Each life reflects God's love and purpose, reminding us that we are all called to play a role in His plan for the world.

God uses our stories, whether ordinary or extraordinary, to demonstrate His faithfulness and transformative power.