

Great Deliverance (Mark 5:1-10)

Jesus 'came to seek and to save the lost.' He is concerned for every single lost soul. He went all the way from Judea to Samaria to meet the Samaritan women and restore her. Likewise here his mind is set for the region of Gerasenes across the Sea of Galilee to meet a single person. So he proceeded by boat. As he and his disciples started the journey there arose a violent tempest. Apparently, this magnitude of storm was unlikely for such a small Sea. It could be the Devil himself who was trying to obstruct Jesus' plan. From the beginning he is at constant war against God's children.

Faithlessness of the disciples exposed. Being frightened by the mighty storm, they woke up Jesus from sleep and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" Jesus woke up and calmed the storm. This terrified them and asked each other, 'who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!' they were yet to know fully who he is. They were terrified! This may be the case of any regular worshippers. One may be regularly attending the worship services and hear God's word yet his/her mind may still be away from the Lord. Therefore, Jesus said, 'Behold I stand at the door and knock...'. To open the door or not depends on the individual.

Condition of the man possessed by demon: This man was living under a miserable condition. He was under complete control of the evil spirit numbering several thousands as the name Legion suggests (six thousand). He lived among the tombs naked, away from the living, shouting day and night, tormenting and hurting himself with stone. Thus he was utterly deprived of all human decency and nothing could bring him under control.

He encountered Jesus. As soon as Jesus got out of the boat he ran to him. Unlike the disciples he addressed Jesus correctly and called him, 'Jesus, Son of the Most Holy God.' It was the Devil who knew Jesus and of his mission on earth and this poor creature had been used as his instrument. The Demon made three pleas with Jesus which were granted. They were: not to torment, not to send them out of the region and to let them get in to the herd of swine numbering two thousand. At the command of Jesus evil spirit came out of the man and entered in to the pigs. They got drown. Instantly and the man was liberated from the bondage of the evil spirit at that moment. Thus the man was restored by the grace of God.

Contradicting effects of the two testimony. Those tending the pigs ran off and reported the matters everywhere. As a result people came rushing and saw Jesus and the man, well composed, sat in his right mind. They were also told about those pigs. **They got frightened and pleaded Jesus to leave the region.** They failed to recognise the gift of God in Christ and pleaded Jesus to leave the region. Jesus did oblige and was about to leave. It was then the man who had been liberated begged Jesus to allow him to follow him. The irony was that Jesus granted the prayer of the demon but turned down the prayer of this new born person. His plea was genuine yet the Lord this plan for him: He said, 'Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy for you (v19).' The man went and told all what the Lord had done for him. All people heard and were amazed.

Conclusion: Whether we have the experience of God' deliverance or not can be understood by where our mind is fixed upon. No matter how sinful one may be, God in his loving mercy can reach out to anyone who is lost. Turn to the Lord without delay.

- Associate Pastor M. Odyuo



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD AND
THE WISDOM OF GOD

City Church

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leader	: Rose Mary Jamir
Speaker	: Kedo Peseyie
Ushers	: Ajen Longkumer & Noel Medikhrü
Flower	: Naro Tsüren
Keyboard	: Vizolenuo Solo

Assisting in Lord's Supper

Khriezohu Angami *Dr. L.M. Murry*
M.Odyuo *Dr. Vinita Chishi*

Praise & Worship

Welcome & Announcement

Reading: The Lord's Supper

Mass Prayer

Offertory

Hymn No.24 : ☩ Worship the King

Message

Holy Communion

Hymn No. 141 : Trust and Obey

Benediction

PRAYER

- Pray for God's healing grace upon our church worshippers who are sick and undergoing medical treatment.
- Pray for the City Church staff that they would be sensitive to the leading of God; that they would be empowered and motivated to do more for the Lord and the church.
- Pray that the church would grow stronger and closer to the five-fold-aims and purposes of our church i.e. *worship, fellowship, evangelism, discipleship and mission*. Pray that the church will experience a mighty out powering of God's grace and mercy and His Spirit.

Everyone is invited to the tea fellowship after the worship service.

The Lord's Supper

(1 Corinthians 11:23-29)

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thursday Women fellowship every Thursday @ 5pm.
- Women Fellowship Outing on 13th May to Dzulekie. Departure - 8:30am. Returning - 3:00pm. All women to bring their own tiffin.
- To avail transportation for Sunday service, contact Myingthungo Humtsoe @ 9402936043/ 8794172936.
- Children's choir practise every Saturday at 4pm.
- Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, **5pm - 6pm.**

Enroute

Christian stewardship

We are created as a people to whom God can relate, communicate and enter into a meaningful relationship. The fundamental principle of biblical stewardship is God owns everything and we are simply managers or administrators acting on His behalf. Therefore stewardship expresses our Obedience. It is an attitude which stands behind our giving and doing. God has given us within the opportunities presented through His providence to glorify Him, serve the common good and further His kingdom because when we work the Lord's work, we are in the King's business.

- **Apila Sangtam**

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Nagamese Fellowship

Mark (14:3-9)

Jesus anointed at Bethany just before the Last Supper by a woman.

- The service that she rendered was love based service, not for fame or name.
- It was expensive because she came with a very expensive perfume to offer to Jesus.
- It was a timely service because she grabbed the opportunity to serve Jesus.
- It was a meaningful and honourable service.

-Robert Debbarma

Sunday, April 30th, 2017

Tithes: ₹ 2,56,100

Offering: ₹ 10,730

Thanksgiving: ₹ 2,700

Mission: ₹ 5,000

Building Fund: ₹ 6,57,700

Nagamese: ₹ 432

Total: ₹ **9,32,662**

Next Sunday, (14th of May, Mother's Day) the church will have a special program to honour the mothers. **Come and be blessed**

NOTES: