ELCONE so glad you are here!

We exist to Honor God and Make Disciples



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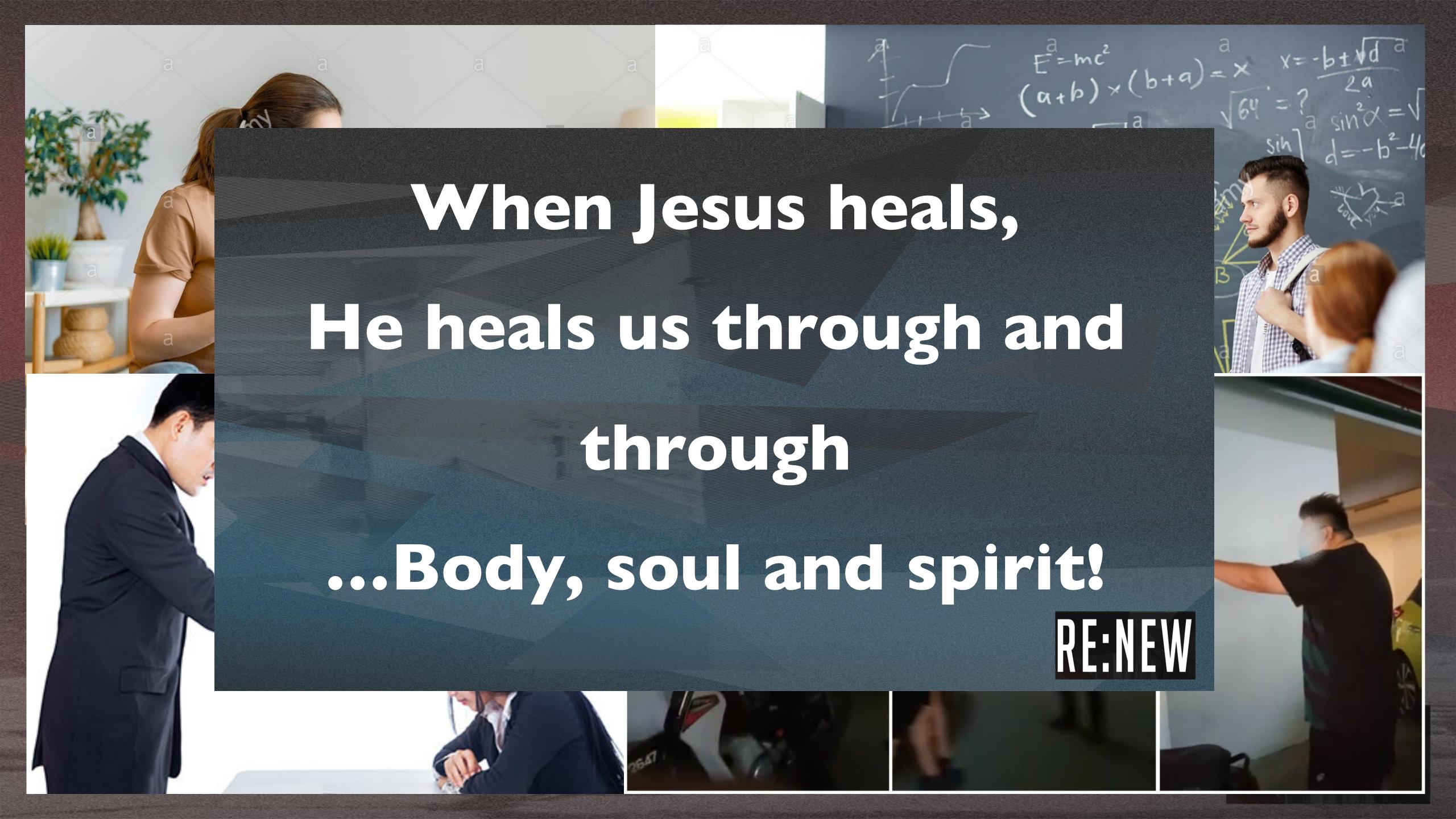


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"subject to harsh and authoritarian treatment."

HAVE YOU BEEN OPPRESSED BEFORE?





THE STORY OF THE OPPRESSED MAN

JESUS & THE DEMON-POSSESSED MAN Mark 5

"The Legionnaire"

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. ² And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. 3 He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain.

Mark 5:1-20 ESV



⁴ for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. ⁶ And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him.

Mark 5:4-20 ESV



⁷ And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." 8 For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" 9 And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many.

Mark 5:7-20 ESV



10 And he begged Him earnestly not to send them out of the country. 11 Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, ¹² and they begged Him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." 13 So He gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

Mark 5:10-20 ESV



14 The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. 15 And they came to Jesus and saw the demonpossessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. 16 And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs.

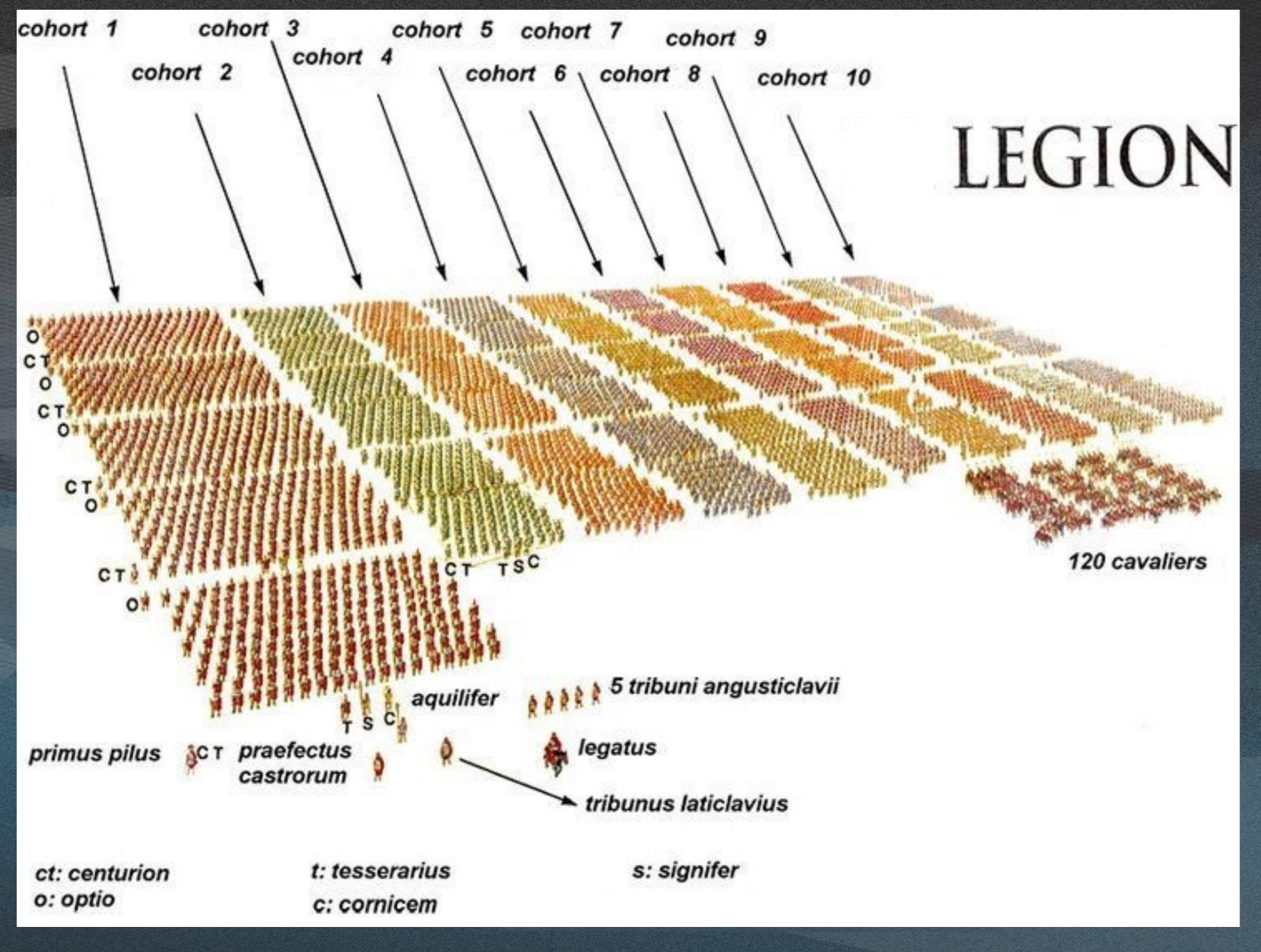
Mark 5:14-20 ESV



17 And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. 18 As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. 19 And He did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you." 20 And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

Mark 5:17-20 ESV

DENEM



Roman Legion

- 10 Cohorts
- 6 Centuries
- · 80-100 soldiers

In Summary: 5,000 – 6,000 soldiers in a Roman Legion

- Isolation
- Self-harm
- Pain aimed at others
- Relational dysfunction
- Brokenness

WHAT OPPRESSION CAN DO TO YOU...



HOW DID JESUS RESPOND TO HIM?

JESUS INITIATED A CONVERSATION

'What is your your name?'

JESUS INITIATED A CONVERSATION

JESUS showed:-

- ...that he cares
- ...he has authority

JESUS INITIATED A CONVERSATION

IMPACT?

IESUS OWERCANE BROKENNESS the DEMON-POSSESSED MAN WENT THROUGH.

3 RESULTS

JESUS FREED OPPRESSION.

BY JESUS INITIATING A CONVERSATION

(Physically)

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Mark 5:12-13 ESV



⁶ And when **he saw Jesus from afar**, he **ran and fell down** before him.

Mark 5:6 ESV

JESUS showed his authority by sending away NOT the man who was oppressed BUT what was oppressing him, bringing him out of the darkness and into the light...

...Physical Freedom!

BY JESUS INITIATING A CONVERSATION

Result #1



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BY JESUS INITIATING A CONVERSATION

(Mentally)

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Mark 5:15 ESV



JESUS not only wants to free the man BUT he also wants to give him a right mind because when he has a right mind, he will be able to be more effective in doing God's work!

... Mental Freedom!

BY JESUS INITIATING A CONVERSATIO N

Result #2



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BY JESUS INITIATING A CONVERSATION

(Spiritually)

18 As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. 19 And He did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you." 20 And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

Mark 5:18-20 ESV



Instead of just looking at the state of the demon-possessed man, or what caused him to be like that, JESUS looked beyond and saw that by freeing this man, He can use this man to free others!

...Spiritual Freedom!

BY JESUS INITIATING A CONVERSATION

Result #3



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Jesus commissioned him to go... tell of what the Lord has done!

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