

SERMON NOTES

THE REST OF THE STORY

However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." (Mark 5:19)

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"Hello Americans, I'm Paul Harvey. You know what the news is ... in a minute, you're going to hear the REST OF THE STORY."

Five Best Friends **Matthew 9:2-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26**

- *A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.* (Pro 17:17)
- *A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.* (Pro 18:24)
- *Ointment and perfume delight the heart, and the sweetness of a man's friend gives delight by hearty counsel. Do not forsake your own friend or your father's friend, nor go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity; better is a neighbor nearby than a brother far away.* (Pro 27:9-10)
- *As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.* (Proverbs 27:17)

They had concerns for their _____

They took drastic measures for their _____

They saved their friend's life

WHAT IS THE REST OF THEIR STORY?

..... the rest of the story?

Their _____ grows?

Did the man change his life when Jesus _____ his sins?

Barabbas **Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:13-25; John 18:39-40**

Notorious prisoner

A _____ who tried to overthrow Rome

WHAT IS THE REST OF HIS STORY?

Committed _____ in the insurrection

A robber

Those raised after Jesus rose **Matthew 27:45-53; Mark 15:38; Luke 23:44-46**

Darkness for _____ hours

Veil of the temple rent top to bottom

WHAT IS THE REST OF THEIR STORY?

Earthquake – _____ opened up

AFTER the resurrection of Jesus, people came out of the tombs and went into _____

The Ethiopian **Acts 8:26-39**

2,000 miles home He went on his way _____

How did his studies develop?

WHAT IS THE REST OF HIS STORY?

What did he do when he got home?

How many people did he _____ to Christ and _____ them?

AND TRULY JESUS DID MANY OTHER SIGNS IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS DISCIPLES, WHICH ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK; BUT THESE ARE WRITTEN THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, AND THAT BELIEVING YOU MAY HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME.

(JOHN 20:30-31)

The Man With A Terrible Past

Mark 5:1-20

A man with an _____ spirit (LEGION; many)

Lived in the tombs, naked, scared, terrified

Lived like a wild _____

Bound with chains; broke chains and shackles

Night and day _____ out

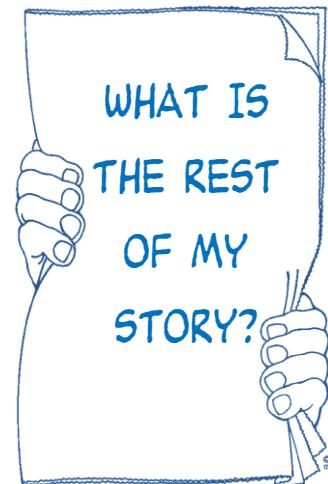
Cutting himself with sharp stones

JESUS HEALED HIM

He was able to _____

He was _____

He was in his right _____



When Jesus came into his life - his _____ changed dramatically

"Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."

AND NOW YOU KNOW THE REST OF THE STORY

COME AND HEAR, ALL YOU WHO FEAR GOD, AND I WILL DECLARE WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR MY SOUL.

PSALM 66:16