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- John 8:31-32, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
- The message of salvation (sozo) is not only a message of forgiveness, it is a message of freedom. Jesus came to set us free, to deliver us from sin and Satan.

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- Mark 5:1-5, “They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an evil spirit came from the tombs to meet him. This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.”

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- Mark 5:6-13, “When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. He shouted at the top of his voice, ‘What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God’s name don’t torture me!’ For Jesus had said to him, ‘Come out of this man, you evil spirit!’ Then Jesus asked him, ‘What is your name?’ ‘My name is legion,’ he replied, ‘for we are many.’ And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

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- Mark 5:6-13, “A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. The demons begged Jesus, ‘Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.’ He gave them permission, and the evil spirits came out and went into the pigs.”
- No one could subdue him. No one could control him. No one could overpower him. No one could set him free.
- Jesus subdues these powerful evil spirits without speaking a word. (strong man; A)

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- Jesus can set you free. There is no problem he cannot overcome. No stronghold he cannot break.
- Luke 19:1-10, “Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd.”

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- Luke 19:1-10, “So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.’ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, ‘He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.’”

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- We don't know what Zacchaeus' family of origin was like. (drunk; picked on; wrong path – rebellion)
- Zacchaeus never felt accepted – whether because of his own choices, or because of the people around him. Everyone longs to be loved and accepted. Zacchaeus had probably given up.
- Enter Jesus – proclaiming salvation. Rumor was, he even accepted sinners. Could it be true? He had to find out.

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- The Gadarene demoniac needed a power encounter to set him free from the ironclad grip of Satan. Zacchaeus needed the supernatural love of God to set him free. An encounter with the Savior's love and acceptance.

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- Luke 19:8-10, “But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, ‘Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost.’” (a friend)