

ARE YOU IN YOUR RIGHT MIND?

Luke 8:35; Mark 5:1-20

Introduction: Storms occur in more than one kind Jesus and His disciples were in storms on the water, but there are also storms that occur on dry land. Sometimes life throws storms at us in the form of sickness and Jesus and His disciples encountered such a storm in the life of a man who had been declared insane.

- He was wild in behavior.
- He was super strong and nobody could tie him up and even chains didn't hold him.
- His mind was wild and crazy and he was always cutting himself, never sleeping.
- He lived as a wild animal.

I.. SOMETIMES EVEN CHRISTIANS ACT LIKE THEY ARE OUT OF THEIR MINDS

1. Christians get a "puffed up" attitude, mind. (*Colossians 2:18*)
2. Christians also get an unforgiving attitude sometimes. (*Matthew 6:14*)
3. Christians may not steal from another person, but they do from God. (*Malachi 3:10*)
4. Christians can set their goals on worldly things instead of Godly things. (*Matthew 6:24*)
5. Christians may let their minds roam and wander into sinful thoughts. (*Romans 1:28*)

II. GOD'S CREATURES CAN BE GOOD EXAMPLES OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR

1. Take the beautiful Peacock for example. It struts about, showing its beauty but can't sing a bit.
2. Then there is the Sloth that spends most of its time hanging upside down.
3. Touch a Turtle and instantly it draws back into its shell.
4. There's the Chameleon that changes colors to blend in with whatever it is around.
5. Know anybody who fits these creatures? Vain, likes to be seen or a person who is totally different from everybody else or someone who is so "touchy" you don't like to be around him/her for fear you might hurt his/her feelings or the person who acts like whoever he/she is around, wanting to be accepted by everybody?

III. WHEN IS A CHRISTIAN CONSIDERED TO BE IN HIS/HER RIGHT MIND?

1. When the Christian is obedient to God's will. (*Philippians 2:8*)
2. When the Christian is humble. (*Philippians 2:8*)
3. When the Christian is loving. (*John 15:13*)

4. When the Christian is evangelistic. (*Luke 9:10*)
5. When the Christian thinks like God. (*Hebrews 8:10*)

CONCLUSION:

1. The wild man in the Text would have remained in his wild, uncontrollable condition if he had not met Jesus.
2. Upon meeting Jesus, the wild man was cured, healed, brought to his "right" mind and was a totally different person.
3. Only when a person meets Jesus and does what Jesus says will any person ever be in his/her own right mind.
4. One can be a Christian and still not be in their "right" mind for Satan and the old sin nature can cause even the most dedicated Christian to wander off from where he/she should be with God.
5. As Christians, we need to constantly, continually "sit at the feet of Jesus."