

Daily Homily
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Truth be told, I'm not even sure where to start with the Gospel today. There is much going on here.

But here's a nugget... a thought for today...

Whenever Jesus comes onto a scene where evil is present, one of them has to go – either Jesus or evil. One of them has to go. They cannot and will not share a scene together. Even though Legion pleads with Jesus not to send them away, there will never be any compromise. One of them has to go.

And it is never Jesus who goes.

This is why when Jesus steps into the scene of our life... there is no compromise, evil has to go. Sin has to go. What is not Christ in our life can't remain.

We live in a time that say, "Well, just accept everyone for where they are at." We live in a culture that says, "Tolerate everything as long as it is tolerated by the powers that be or the loudest voices of the time." There is no compromise with evil and sin. It can't be tolerated.

The end result. Look at this man in the Gospel, once chained and crazy and living among death in a cemetery. At the end of this encounter with Jesus, he is able to go home with family and friends, to live a full life and all that it means ... and an even fuller life in that he now gives witness to Christ the Lord.

A fuller life – that's what Jesus wants for us. Anything less, just can't be tolerated.