

Demonic to Disciple

Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39

“Jesus takes His disciples from the classroom to the laboratory. Having just taught that God’s power will cause His kingdom to grow to worldwide proportion and influence, Jesus now performs four miracles that demonstrate this divine might.” King James Study Bible p. 1501 1. Power over _____ 2. Power over _____ 3. Power over _____ 4. Power over _____

I. Setting

“And they came over unto the other _____ of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes (“Gergesenes” Matthew 8:28/“which is over against Galilee.” Luke 8:26).” Mark 5:1

II. Men Possessed

“And when he was come out of the ship (“And went forth to land” Luke 8:27), immediately there met him out of the tombs (“the city” Luke 8:27) a man (“_____ possessed with devils” Matthew 8:28) with an unclean spirit (“had devils long time, and _____ no clothes, neither _____ in any house” “and was _____ of the devil into the wilderness” Luke 8:27, 29),³ Who had his dwelling among the _____; and no man could _____ him, no, not with chains:⁴ Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man _____ him (“exceeding _____, so that no man might pass by that way” Matthew 8:28).⁵ And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, _____, and _____ himself with stones.” Mark 5:2-5

“two possessed with devils” –

Results of Demon Possession –

III. Demons

“But when he saw Jesus afar off, he _____ and _____ him,⁷ And (“behold,” Matthew 8:29) cried with a loud voice (“and fell down before him” Luke 8:28), and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou _____ of the most high God? I adjure (“beseech” Lit. - _____ Luke 8:28) thee by God, that thou torment me not (“art thou come hither to torment us before _____ time?” Matthew 8:29).⁸ For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.⁹ And he (“Jesus” Luke 8:30)

asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many (“because many devils were entered into him” Luke 8:30). ¹⁰And he besought him much that he would not send (“_____” Luke 8:31) them away out of the country (“into the deep” Lit. - _____ Luke 8:31). ¹¹ Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. ¹²And all the devils besought him, saying, (“If thou cast us out,” Gk - _____ Matthew 8:31) Send (“suffer” Luke 8:32) us into the swine, that we may enter into them.” Mark 5:6-12

General Facts about these Demons:

1. Recognized Jesus as _____.
2. Feared their eventual _____.
3. Knew Jesus would be their _____.
4. Realized Jesus’ _____ over them.
5. _____ Jesus completely and immediately.

“Legion” –

“great herd of swine” –

IV. Christ

“And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. (“And he said unto them, ____.” Matthew 8:32) And the unclean spirits went out (“of the man” Luke 8:33), and entered into the swine: and (“behold,” Matthew 8:32) the herd ran _____ down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.” Mark 5:13

“he said unto them, Go.” –

V. Citizens of the Area

“And they that fed the swine (“saw what was done, they” Luke 8:34) fled, and told (“_____”, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils.” Matthew 8:33) it in the city, and in the country. And (“behold, the whole city” Matthew 8:34) they went out to see (“Jesus” Matthew 8:34) what it was that was done. ¹⁵And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were _____. ¹⁶And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil (“was healed.” Luke 8:36), and _____ concerning the swine. ¹⁷And they (“the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about” Luke 8:37) began to pray him to depart out of their coasts (“for they were taken with great _____” Luke 8:37).” Mark 5:14-17

News spread fast –

Crowd gathered fast –

Fear held them fast –

Reaction to fear –

VI. Changed Man

“And when he was come into the ship, (“and returned back again.” Luke 8:37) he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be _____ him. ¹⁹Howbeit Jesus (“sent him away” Luke 8:38) suffered him not, but saith unto him, (“Return to thine own house,” Luke 8:39) Go home to thy friends, and _____ them how great things the _____ hath done for thee, and hath had compassion (Lit. - _____) on thee. ²⁰And he departed, and began to publish (“throughout the whole city” Luke 8:39) in Decapolis how great things _____ had done for him: and all men did marvel.” Mark 5:18-20

“that he might be with him” –

“Go home” –

“throughout the whole city”/“Decapolis” –

Believers Application:

1. As we saw the power of Christ over nature in the calming of the storm and now, His authority over demons, we should be comforted as we live seek to grow the kingdom in this world ruled by wickedness.

2. This man desired to follow Jesus but Christ's plan for him was different. Jesus gave this want-to-be disciple a mission and an outline to accomplish it! We all have that same commission! 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

In Christ:

1. We have been made _____.
2. We have been _____ to God.
3. We have been made _____ for Christ.
4. We have been made _____.

Reality of Demons

The demonic men of Gadara are the most extreme examples of possessed men found in the Scripture. Jesus, God in the flesh, showed compassion on these two and released them from the “legion” of demons. Let’s take a short look at the reality of demons.

1. _____ teaches the reality of demons. (devils (KJV) = demons)
 - There seem to be _____ demons.
 - They _____ man and separate him from all conveniences and comforts.
 - Demons can cause _____ strength and knowledge.
 - They are enraged against the Lord yet have a dread and horror of Him.
 - Demons are under the leadership of the _____.
 - They are under the _____ of Christ.
2. _____ cultures have more evidence of demon possession.
3. Demons seek to indwell mankind but will take an _____.
4. Demons cannot possess _____.
5. Demons know their final state - _____.
6. Demons cannot know Jesus’ _____.