

Responding to Jesus' Powerful Word (Luke 8:26-39)

I. Jesus' Power Over The Enemy (26-32)

A. Jesus Confronts A Demonized Man (26-29)

1. A Demonized Man Meets Jesus (26-27)

- a. The man was naked (27)
- b. The man lived among tombs
- c. The man was violent (Matt 8:28) Fierce –no one could pass

2. The Demons Recognized Jesus (28-29a)

- a. Recognized Jesus' Power (28)
 - i. Bowed before Him
- b. Recognized Jesus' Identity
 - ii. "Son of the Most High God"
- c. Recognized Jesus' Authority (28c-29a)
 - iii. Do not torment me
 - iv. Jesus commanded them
 - v. They obeyed

B. The Demonized Man Was Beyond Help (29)

1. The Demon often Seized Him

- a. Men could only keep guard over him
- b. Men could only bind him with chains
- c. He would break the chains and be driven into wilderness

C. Jesus Commands the Demon (30-33)

1. The Demon reveals His name (30)

- a. Jesus asks and the demon answers
- b. Legion – there were many demons

2. The Demons beg for their existence (31-32)

- a. "Don't send us into the abyss"
- b. They knew their final end

3. The Demons are sent into a Herd of Pigs (33)

- a. The demons caused the pigs to drown themselves
- b. (Lev 11:7) prohibits hog farming
- c. The pigs demonstrated the divine power of Jesus
- d. Can't see spirits, but everyone saw what they did to the pigs

II. Man's Reaction to Jesus' Power (34-39)

A. People Feared and Wanted Jesus gone (34-37a)

1. The herdsman saw Jesus work in the man and were afraid

- a. Afraid of losing profits (pigs)
- b. Afraid of Jesus changing them
 - i. Clothed and in his right mind
 - ii. People don't want Jesus to change them

2. The fearful people asked Jesus to leave (36-37a)

- a. Their great fear seized them
- b. They were afraid of Jesus

B. The Healed Man Desired to Follow Christ (37b-39)

1. He begged Christ to go with him (37b-38a)

- a. Those delivered long to be disciples
- 2. Jesus sent him home to tell his story
 - a. Glorify God at home
 - b. He proclaimed throughout the city