

# The Gospel of Luke: An Unlikely Missionary

## 1. The Demoniacs, The Demons and The Dimwits (vs.26-33)

- A. The Demoniacs – 2 men (Matt8), but all accounts focus on \_\_\_\_\_; possessed by over 2000 demons
1. No clothing: OT uncovering one's nakedness sign of sexual immorality, shame; Rev3:18
  2. suicidal (**Mk5:5**); screaming constantly day/night; pain, insanity, totally unhinged; **notice**, gashing himself (cutting is demonic) from pagan religions
  3. lived in tombs – dwelled in the place of death, more at home there than w/ living, homes  
**\*Matt8:28** – run out of tombs, screaming and beat, kill those who came by  
**\*Could not be bound w/ chains and shackles, completely naked – why do people glorify death?**
- B. The Demons – fallen \_\_\_\_\_, vast knowledge of God/Jesus, existed from creation
1. Demoniac comes running at Jesus, but when demons see Jesus, completely terrified!  
**\*They know who Jesus is, in great panick – Mk5:6,7; Lk8:28**  
**\*Jesus is their executioner and judge – Lk8:31** – abyss, bottomless pit; place demons are held, many from Gen6 (2Pe2:4; Jude6,7; **Rev9:1-11**)  
**\*Matt8:29** – He is the One who will cast them into the lake of fire!
  2. Legion (**Lk8:30**) – up to 6000 Roman soldiers; **Mk5:12,13** – at least 2000 demons; 1 spoke  
**\*They ask permission to go into the herd of 2000 pigs, then killed them all!**
- C. The Dimwits – all the people in the city, \_\_\_\_\_ and surrounding district
1. The herdsmen – immediately run away to tell city and in country; **why?** 2000 pigs is a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ **AND**, just saw the \_\_\_\_\_!
  2. The city, country, district – they see the dead pigs, the demoniac now dressed in his right mind and are completely \_\_\_\_\_! (**see vs.35, 37**)

## 2. Responding to the Real Jesus (vs.34-39)

- A. The Dimwits – consider what they \_\_\_\_\_, and **like so many today**, asked Jesus to leave!
1. The man, years was hurting, murdering, totally unhinged, now saved, totally changed! **vs36**
  2. They saw 2000 dead pigs and heard the story of how Jesus cast out demons into pigs
  3. They saw the real Jesus, in His power, and they were exposed! **\*Like Peter in the boat...**
  4. These people were more comfortable w/ demons and a maniac killer than with Jesus!!!
- B. The Unlikely Missionary – this man is completely \_\_\_\_\_ and saved! (**vs.35,36; \*38,39**)
1. He has only one care now, being with Jesus! Nothing else matters! **\*\*\*Matt13:44!**
  2. Jesus sends him to those who rejected Him; he goes to the Decapolis (10 cities, Gentile strongholds after Pompey invaded Palestine) – he becomes a preacher/missionary!
- C. You and I...
1. Notice: the evidence and power did NOT \_\_\_\_\_ the Gentiles, nor Pharisees, Jews!
  2. What are you more comfortable with? Focused on? Are you distracted w/ the world?  
**\*Consider how this man lived, the prostitute woman, changed after Jesus saved and transformed them... \*Mark8:34-36; 2Cor5:14,15**