

Pigs, People, and Power The Other Side of the Story

Mark 5:14-20 “The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. And he did not permit him but said to him, ‘Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.’” And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.”

People _____ The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country.” (V.14)

Matthew 8:33 “The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, *especially what had happened to the demon-possessed men.*”

Luke 21:12-13 “But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name s sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness.”

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Luke 12:5 “But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!”

Mark 4:41 “And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

People _____ “And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region.” (V.17)

Luke 5:8 “But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus knees, saying, ‘Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.’ ”