



**Introduction:** Last Tuesday I was watching some morning news...

What do we as Christians need to know about \_\_\_\_\_? We need to know that **Satan is \_\_\_\_\_**. Scripture presents him as a \_\_\_\_\_ angel (Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28). He is not a joke. He is not some red figure with a pitchfork in his hand as depicted by artist and cartoon figures. Nor does he look like the picture displayed by The Satanic Temple (see picture) – They make him look like the guy that is going to steal the ranch and tie the young girl to the railroad tracks.

**Here is what the Bible teaches:**

Matthew 25:41 - *“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, “Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.”*

\_\_\_\_\_ was originally prepared for the devil and his angels.

Satan and our \_\_\_\_\_ today:

Luke 10:18 - *And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.”*

Deuteronomy 18:9-14 - 9 *“When you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. 10 There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, 11 or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. 12 For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and because of these abominations the Lord your God drives them out from before you. 13 You shall be blameless before the Lord your God. 14 For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the Lord your God has not appointed such for you.*

God’s people are to have \_\_\_\_\_ to do with anything in the occult realm.

Acts 19:18-20 - *18 And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. 19 Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.*

We are going to see very clearly that the king has power over demons.

### **I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the demonic – 8:28**

*28 When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way.*

As they step out of the boat they are met by two \_\_\_\_\_ -possessed men (Mark's Gospel only focus' in on one of them). Here in our text these men were coming out of the tombs – which would be the local graveyard. It appears that demons are comfortable dwelling among the dead.

*Mark 5:2-5 - 2 And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, 3 who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind 2him, not even with chains, 4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. 5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.*

These demon-controlled men were “*exceedingly \_\_\_\_\_*”. The local people tried to bring the situation under control by placing them in chains and shackles, but they were strong enough to pull the chains apart and break the shackles in pieces.

So, the place of the demonic is the \_\_\_\_\_ – the place of the dead.

### **II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the demonic – 8:29**

*29 And suddenly they cried out, saying, “What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?”*

These demon-possessed men \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, “*What have we to do with you, Jesus, You Son of God?*” *Have you come here to torment us before the time?*

You see, it is very apparent that these demons \_\_\_\_\_ who Jesus Christ was – “***Jesus, You Son of God.***” Don't miss that these demons knew who had just landed upon their shores. They recognized that it was Jesus, they knew that the one with authority (Power) stood before them.

James 2:19 - *You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons \_\_\_\_\_ and tremble.*

Not only do the demons know who Jesus was, but they also knew that He had the ability to torment them (The Greek word torment here means to “toss”).

Look at the question from the demons, *“Have you come here to torment us before the time?”*

Demons also know their \_\_\_\_\_ (the doctrine of end times). They know that a future judgment day awaits them. According to Revelation 20, they will be cast into a lake of fire.

Mark 5:5 – *5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.*

Do you see what the demons were doing to these two men. They were “\_\_\_\_\_” them. Bodily cutting is always something you see in false religions, occult practices, and Satanism.

Jesus spoke to Him and said, “\_\_\_\_\_ out of the man, unclean spirit.”(Mark 5:8).

Next, Jesus asked him, *“What is your name?” And the demon answered saying, “My name is Legion; for we are many.”* (Mark 5:9)

Are you aware that a Roman legion was about \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers. Here the demon said that his name was, “Legion”, and he adds, *“for we are many.”*

Mark 5:10 - *“Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country.”*

These demons \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus not to send them out of the area, region, or to some distant place. The demons’ requests bring us back to Matthew 8:30-32

### III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the demonic – 8:30-31

*30 Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. 31 So the demons begged Him, saying, “If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine.”*

The demons saw a heard of \_\_\_\_\_ (pigs) feeding. Pigs were \_\_\_\_\_ animals. Jesus had called the demons, unclean spirits. Now, we know from a parallel passage that there were about 2,000 pigs (Mark 5:13). The demons begged Jesus saying, *“If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the heard of swine.”*

Apparently \_\_\_\_\_ spirits didn’t mind dwelling in \_\_\_\_\_ pigs!

### IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the demonic – 8:32

*32 And He said to them, “Go.” So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.*

*Jesus said them, “\_\_\_\_\_.”* (Matthew 8:32)

One author said, “Jesus doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_ words with the demonic.” Jesus commanded them to, “Go.” They had to obey Him.

Once the demons left the two men, they entered the swine, and the swine immediately ran violently down a steep place into the sea and \_\_\_\_\_ in the water. Pigs and demons all drowned! They perished!

Jesus' conversation with the man healed:

**V. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the miracle – 8:33-34**

*33 Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. 34 And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region.*

Their response to Jesus is not what you think it should have been. They rejected Jesus. We read,

A. The pig \_\_\_\_\_ fled into the city – 8:33

B. The entire city \_\_\_\_\_ out to see Jesus – 8:34

I absolutely love those words, "*They came out to meet Jesus.*" I wish it was for the purpose of desiring to become one of His \_\_\_\_\_ but it wasn't.

It has been suggested that because Jesus was responsible for the negative impact on their \_\_\_\_\_ that they wanted Him to leave.

Please don't miss what I am about to say next. Jesus is master over people, but He will not \_\_\_\_\_ Himself into their lives.

**Conclusion:** Here are our take-home truths:

1. Satan is very \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Demon-possession is very \_\_\_\_\_
3. Demons dwell in \_\_\_\_\_ (graveyards), and places of the dead.
4. Demons recognize \_\_\_\_\_ and His authority.
5. Jesus casts out demons with the word "\_\_\_\_\_."
6. Demons obey Jesus' command.
7. Demons will face a future \_\_\_\_\_ day.
8. Not everyone is \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus casting out demons. It might take away some people's livelihood.
9. Some people are more concerned for \_\_\_\_\_ than they are spiritual matters.
10. Have nothing to do with \_\_\_\_\_ and his demons, and everything to do with following \_\_\_\_\_.