

THE ENCOUNTER

26 Then they sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 When he got out on land, a demon-possessed man from the town met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes and did not stay in a house but in the tombs.

LUKE 8:26-

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28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before him, and said in a loud voice, “What do you have to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torment me!”

LUKE

8:28

29 For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was guarded, bound by chains and shackles, he would snap the restraints and be driven by the demon into deserted places.

LUKE

8:29

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood,
but against the rulers, against the authorities,
against the cosmic powers of this darkness,
against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens.

EPHESIANS

6:12

THE RECOGNITION

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LUKE 8:28

THE RECOGNITION

The demons believed in Jesus'

- Name
- Authority
- Mission

THE RECOGNITION

30 “What is your name?” Jesus asked him.

“Legion,” he said, because many demons had entered him. 31 And they begged him not to banish them to the abyss.

LUKE 8:30-

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THE RECOGNITION

32 A large herd of pigs was there, feeding on the hillside. The demons begged him to permit them to enter the pigs, and he gave them permission.

33 The demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

LUKE 8:32-

The CREATURE
always recognizes
the CREATOR

JESUS CHANGES

EVERYTHING

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34 When the men who tended them saw what had happened, they ran off and reported it in the town and in the countryside. 35 Then people went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man the demons had departed from, sitting at Jesus's feet, dressed and in his right mind.

LUKE 8:34-

PEOPLE WERE AFRAID

And they were afraid. 36 Meanwhile, the eyewitnesses reported to them how the demon-possessed man was delivered.

37 Then **all the people** of the Gerasene region asked him to leave them, **because they were gripped by great fear**. So getting into the boat, he returned.

LUKE 8:35-

LEGION WAS THANKFUL

38 The man from whom the demons had departed **begged** him earnestly to be with him. But he sent him away and said,

39 “Go back to your home, and **tell all that God has done for you.**” And off he went, proclaiming throughout the town how much Jesus had done for him.

LUKE 8:38-

FROM DEMONS TO PREACHING

- He knew he was naked and now he was clothed.
- He knew he was mentally ill and now he was whole
- He knew he used to hurt himself and now he didn't
- He simply told people what Jesus had done for him

WHAT NOW?

CHANGE THE WAY

WE THINK

THE SPIRITUAL BATTLES OF THE
KINGDOM OF GOD CANNOT BE WON WITH
WEAPONS OF THIS WORLD!

By the humility and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you—I, Paul, who am “timid” when face to face with you, but “bold” toward you when away! 2 I beg you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be toward some people who think that we live by the standards of this world.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:1-

3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 **The weapons we fight with are **not** the weapons of the world.** On the **contrary**, they have **divine** power to demolish strongholds.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-

It was easier for Jesus to convert and win the heart of a man possessed with **thousands** of demons than it was to convert the hearts of “well-meaning people” seeking to bring order to their region through the **world's** systems.

Our **worldly** weapons fail
because the enemy is stronger
than we are **on our own!**

Instead, we are to bring our hardships, suffering, and trials to the feet of the **CREATOR**

**THE CREATOR CHANGES
EVERYTHING!!**

For everything was created by him,
in heaven and on earth, the visible and the
invisible, whether thrones or dominions
or rulers or authorities— all things have
been created through him and for him.

COLOSSIANS

1:16

THE **CREATOR** CHANGES EVERYTHING!!

- Power of His **name**
- Power of His **authority**
- Power of His **will**
- **NOT** Legion
- **NOT** the people's worldly attempts