

**I. An Intentional Intersection (26-29)**

- A. Jesus met a prisoner of shame (26-27) Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs."**
- B. Jesus took control over the situation (28-29a) – "When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me. For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man..."**
- C. Jesus determined to reverse the man's reality (29b) – "For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert."**

**"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." – 1 John 3:8**

**II. A Revelation of Kingdom Authority (30-33)**

- A. Nothing intimidates Jesus (30) – "Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him."**
- B. Hell understands Christ's authority (31-32) – "Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged Him to let them enter these. So He gave them permission. 31 And they begged Him not to command them to depart into the abyss."**
- C. Scripture validates Satan's powers (33) – "Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned."**

**III. An Acceptable Mess For Solving A Crisis (34-37)**

- A. We see emotions triggered (34) – "When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country."**
- B. We see minds blown (35-36) – "Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. 36 And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed."**
- C. We see hearts hardened (37) – "Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So He got into the boat and returned."**

**IV. An Impartation of Purpose For A Soul Freed (38-39)**

- A. His new desire (38a) – "The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Him..."**
- B. His new mission (39b) - "...but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him."**