

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 8:26-39

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"WHEN JESUS GOES TO WORK"

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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Demons, Difficulty, Hardship, Loneliness, Peace, Calm

No One in Their Right Mind Enjoys Confrontation.

But Anyone in their Right Mind Won't Shy Away from It If it's Necessary.

**There is Another Confrontation Brewing in Chapter 8,
PREVIOUSLY IN CHAPTER 8**

"On a Certain Day"

In This Confrontation,

Jesus picks the time and place, when a man will go free,
a community will be changed, and a stronghold is broken

Luke 8:26-39

Then they sailed (*very carefully*) to the country of the Gadarenes, which is **opposite** Galilee. **:27** And **when** He stepped out on the land, there met Him a **certain man** from (*removed from*) the city who had demon(s) for a long time. (a life of torment suggesting a great demonic stronghold) And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. **:28** **When** he **saw** Jesus, he **cried** out, **fell** down before Him, and with a loud voice **said**, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" **:29** For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often **seized** him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. **:30** Jesus asked him, saying, "**What is your name?**" And he said, "**Legion,**" because many demons had entered him. **:31** And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. **:32** **Now** a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. **:33** **Then** the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. **:34** When those who fed *them* saw what had happened, they fled and told *it* in the city and in the country. **:35** **Then** they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. **:36** They also who had seen *it* told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was

healed. :37 Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes **asked** Him to depart from them, for they were **seized** with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. :38 **Now** the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, :39 **“Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.”** And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

C.S. Lewis writes that the devil is just as delighted with the man who thinks that there is no Satan as he is with the woman who sees too much of him."

Both Views are Wrong

The Bible Teaches that Satan and Demons are Real
The Bible Also Teaches that They Have Limited Powers.
Jesus Said. They're Real and They're About the Devil's Business

WHEN JESUS GOES TO WORK

1.) The Lord picks the time and place v.26-27

1a.) And the time and place are on His terms v.26

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes,
which is **opposite** Galilee...

on the surface, this makes no sense

as to how and why would they arrive on the west coast of the lake, to only again get right back into the boat and cross over near to where they launched out from in the first place?

Unless the Lord is in Control and has a Divine Reason,
and He does

- the answer is in v.27 "a certain man"

the Gadarenes of Gadara - Today Kur'sie
a region known for illegal activity

The Lord Works on His Terms and to Us it Seems;
to have no human logic to it - *and that is correct!!!*

Romans 11:33-34

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out! :34 *“For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?”*

Job 9:10

Who does great things past finding out, yes, marvelous things without number.

THE LORD PICKS THE TIME AND THE PLACE

1b.) And the time and the place are on His time v.27

And **when** (*instantly*) He stepped out on the **land**, there met Him a **certain man** from the city who had demon(s) for a long time.

in biblical demonology

there is the understanding of "regions" or "locations"
or "territories" of demonic influence

The ancient Rabbis Taught That
Demons Control Places That Were Advantageous to The Cause of Satan

Amplified – 1 Peter 5:8

Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant *and* cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon *and* devour.

THE LORD PICKS THE TIME AND THE PLACE

1c.) And the time and place are His concern v.27

...And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house
but **in the tombs**.

This Poor Demonized Man was Living a Dead-Life.
in a Graveyard –

Jesus Christ Goes Where No Other Savior Can

Not All Satanic Manifestations are So Ugly.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

For there are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. **:14**
And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. **:15** Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

People are Suckers for Religion.
And Religion is a Great Place for Satan to Hide
because it can look and feel good to the eye.

"To the glory of God is a man fully alive"
- Tertullian

WHEN JESUS GOES TO WORK

2.) The Lord breaks the strongholds v.28-33

2a.) Jesus Christ confronts the powers of darkness v.28-29

When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said,
"What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not
torment me!"

Notice "What The Darkness Knows"

Verse 29

For He had commanded the **unclean spirit** to come out of the man. For it had often
seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he
broke the bonds (*non-human physical strength*) and was driven by the demon into the
wilderness.

Mark 5:4-5

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

a mutilated, scared, infected, filthy, bleeding representation of a human being

anything that degrades, abuses, devalues a human being
is a gross insult and assault on God.

The Human Body is God's Handiwork

Child Abuse // Spousal Abuse // Physical Molestation of Any Kind is delightful to Satan.

Satan Loves It When People are Abused and Endangered

(Honestly - there are demonized, twisted human beings that think that beheading someone is what God desires)

John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy

"Get People to Blame God" - Satan

there is an increase in America in the area of demonic possession.

there are many law enforcement agencies that now have a "Ritualistic Investigation Unit" assigned to "Aberrant Cases with Spiritual Activity"

but what a wonderful scene this is.

Jesus Christ - the incarnate God is pursuing a filthy, demonized, lost man that we would have run away from.

Jesus Pursues His Victories

and means you, in all your filth, nastiness, and sins...

He's Coming After You

THE LORD BREAKS THE STRONGHOLDS

2b.) Jesus Christ contains the powers of evil

v.30-31

Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "**Legion**," because many demons had entered him. :31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

Matthew 8:29

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?**"

THE LORD BREAKS THE STRONGHOLDS

2c.) Jesus Christ controls the powers of hell

v.32-33

Now a herd of many swine (*pigs*) was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. :33 **Then** the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

Mark 5:13

And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.

interestingly enough,
in a way - the pigs couldn't stand to be possessed either and reacted.

the Greek tense used here

is very graphic. the word-picture is one of, pig after pig running off the cliff in droves. - - flying pigs plunging into the sea!

They Drowned in the Lake

The Sad Result was "Deviled Ham"

there's an irony here.

the demons asked for relief in the possession of the swine,
the swine in turn ran into the sea.

demons don't do water

Matthew 12:43

"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through
(arid - waterless) dry places, seeking rest..."

many of the ancient Jewish scholars taught that a demon, which is different from a fallen angel -
was the half-souls, half-spirits of some who died in the great flood in Genesis 6

Regardless, The Disciples were Humans Like Us.

I would have loved to have had dinner that night with the disciples; to hear them talk
about the day.

peter, did you see that today? pig after pig...
Andrew did you see that one pig, it looked like he did...

ONLY THE LORD CAN SEND AWAY THE PIGS IN OUR LIVES

WHEN JESUS GOES TO WORK

3.) *The Lord sets us free*

v.34-37

3a.) *By bringing to us His peace*

v.34-35a

When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told *it* in the city and in the country. :35 **Then** they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus...

he was..... "clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. :36 They also who had seen *it* - told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed.

Friend - If you're not under the liberty and freedom of Jesus Christ,
you're not in your right mind.

Philippians 4:7-8

and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. :8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

"By what means"

the **power** of Jesus Christ = this is the Jesus of the **Bible**

**Whenever in Israel, You'll See Visiting Nigerians
And When You Do - Say to Them "Jesus Power?" // Superpower!
Satan's Power // "Powerless Power"**

Verse 37

(Dr. Luke gives us a parenthetical insert in verse 37)

Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes **asked** Jesus to depart from them, for they were **seized** with great fear. And He got into the boat and **returned**.

these people were real weirdos,
instead of rejoicing that a man was set free,
these pig peddlers, those pork pushers,
the bacon burglars & ham heisters

they valued their business and income over the value of human life

Is There Anything in My Life that I Love more than People
God's Love Can Be Detected in Our Lives
by How Much We Love a Stranger

Their Reaction is Based Upon What "They" Saw.

Verse 35

they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and they found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus...

WHEN JESUS GOES TO WORK

4.) *The Lord finishes what He starts*

v.38-39

4a.) *By keeping to a specific plan*

v.38

Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Jesus that he might be with Him. *But Jesus sent him away...*

This is a Picture Of The Christian Walk.

we desire to be with Jesus always, but a work must be done.

Jesus "sent" him away from that area.

when God rescues us, He saves us from something like a graveyard life and sends us out to a mission for life.

He changes us from the inside out.

sometimes; - ever so slowly, day by day, year by year, sometimes; - in an instant, gone are those dangerous desires or bad habits.

Verse 39

Jesus sent him away, saying, :39 "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

why go home? because

(because they, the friends and family, had been tormented the most)

THE LORD FINISHES WHAT HE STARTS

4b.) *By calling us into His mission* v.39

...saying, :39 "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you."

This Man's Miracle had Become His Mission.

His Mission Wasn't About

"How I survived demon possession" // It wasn't about "Being positive when living with Pigs // Making the Best of Your Graveyard Dwelling

His Mission Was To Proclaim:

There is an Identifying Birthmark on a Child of God,
They Brag About Their Heavenly Father. They are Excited to Tell Others About God's
Great Works and Deeds.

The Christian Believes That Their Dad
in Heaven Can Do Anything...

THE LORD FINISHES WHAT HE STARTS

4c.) *By empowering us to do what He's asked us to do v.39*

And so he went his way and proclaimed
throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

Mark 5:19

However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." :20 And he departed and began to proclaim in **Decapolis** all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

But The Greatest Thing is;
He Has Done It For Them, That's Why They're Excited.
He Was Doing It For Them, That's Why They're Excited.
He Has Going to Do It For Them, That's Why They're Excited.

We Know That This Man Became the First Gentile Evangelist
to the Gentile World.

THE DECAPOLIS, THE TEN CITIES

Check This Out,
Jesus Got Right Back in The Boat and Sailed Across

Mark 5:21

Jesus crossed over **again** by boat to the other side,
and a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea!

O.K. church - Come Back Next Week
to See What Happens.

**Look Carefully at This - He's The Answer You Have Been Searching For. This is
What You've Been Asking of The Lord.**

This is What the Lord is saying to you today;

Jack, Susie, Bill, Karen 1:1

"Go your way and proclaim throughout the whole city what great things Jesus has done for you, is doing for you, and will do for you."

That's It // That's It // That's It // That's It // That's It // That's It //

Church, Look at Me,
The Lord is Finishing What He Started in My Life.

**"Go your way and proclaim
throughout the whole city what great things Jesus has done, is
doing and will do for you."**

Mark 5:19

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End of Study