

# LUKE 8:26-39 *Jesus Casts out Demons*

## INTRODUCTION

After crossing the lake, Jesus meets a man and confronts another kind of power- the power of the Enemy. Some respond to Jesus with joy and a changed life and want to tell everyone they meet, while others are afraid of Him and want Him to go away. How have you responded to Jesus?

## DISCUSSION

Tell the story of a time when something so exciting happened to you that you wanted to tell everyone.

## EXPLANATION

- Who does Jesus meet in this story? *He meets a crazy demon-possessed man.*
- Who did the man say that Jesus was? *He said He was "Jesus, Son of the Most High God."*
- How do you think the man knew who Jesus was? *The demons inside him knew who He was.*
- What was the man's name, and why? *His name was Legion, because many demons had entered him.*
- What did Jesus do with the demons, and what happened? *He sent them into a herd of pigs who ran into the lake and drowned.*
- What was the man like after the demons left him? *He had clothes on and wasn't crazy anymore.*
- What did the people who knew him before think when they saw him now? *They were afraid, and asked Jesus to leave their region.*
- What did the man want to do now? *He begged to go with Jesus.*
- What did Jesus tell him to do? *He told him to go home and "declare how much God has done for you."*

## APPLICATION

Like the wind and waves in verses 22-25, Jesus demonstrates His control over any force, no matter how powerful, that would seek to oppose Him or overwhelm us- even thousands of demons. Once again we can be safe and secure knowing that Jesus is indeed bigger than the "boogie man." We can also believe that Jesus has the power to forgive our sins and change our lives like the demon-possessed man. If Jesus has saved you from sin, and changed your life, you have a story to tell. Can you tell the story of how Jesus has saved you? Who does God want you to share that story with? Does knowing that not everyone will want to listen to your story and follow Jesus keep you from telling it? Why or why not?

## Memory VERSE

Luke 8:39a- "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." (ESV)