

# Jesus Casts Out a Demon

Scripture: **Luke 8:26–39**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

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## Overview

A demon-possessed man confronts Jesus and accurately identifies Him as Son of the Most High God. The demons in this man are afraid that Jesus will send them into the abyss. Jesus surprisingly grants the demons permission to enter a herd of pigs instead. The people from the city and surrounding country are also afraid and ask Jesus to leave. Then the healed man who wishes to stay with Jesus is instead is directed by Him to return to his home and declare how much God has done for him. **In Jesus, oppressed slaves become liberated saints with loud voices.**

## Corroborating Texts

Mark 5:1-20; Psalm 51:5; John 8:31-36; Titus 3:3-6; Romans 6:20-23

## Discussion Questions

1. Read and compare the parallel accounts of this event: **Luke 8:26–39** and **Mark 5:1–20**.
2. Various people in this passage “beg” Jesus to take some action—list and discuss these. [the possessed man begs not to be tormented, the demons beg not to be sent into the abyss, the demons beg to be allowed to enter the herd of pigs, the people from the Gerasenes countryside beg Jesus to depart their region, and the healed man begs that he might stay with Jesus]
3. All of the people who beg Jesus for something in this story are permitted their request in this moment except for one. Which one does not receive their request and why? [the healed man is not permitted to stay with Jesus, but is rather directed to testify to God’s work in his community. Ultimately all will be reversed in the end—the demons will be tormented, the people of Gerasenes will be confronted by Jesus again and the healed man will enjoy Jesus’ company in eternity]
4. Are you a slave or are you free? If you are free, can anyone around you tell?
5. What do freed people do with their life?
6. Enter a time of prayer by praising God for the specific works He has done for you and for all believers.