

## Gerasene Demoniac

Mt 8:28-34, Mark 5:1-20, Lk 8:26-37

They came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes. **2** When He got out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him, **3** and he had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one was able to bind him anymore, even with a chain; **4** because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him. **5** Constantly, night and day, he was screaming among the tombs and in the mountains, and gashing himself with stones. **6** Seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him; **7** and shouting with a loud voice, he said, “What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!” **8** For He had been saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” **9** And He was asking him, “What is your name?” And he said to Him, “My name is Legion; for we are many.” **10** And he *began* to implore Him earnestly not to send them out of the country. **11** Now there was a large herd of swine feeding nearby on the mountain. **12** *The demons* implored Him, saying, “Send us into the swine so that we may enter them.” **13** Jesus gave them permission. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand *of them*; and they were drowned in the sea.

**14** Their herdsmen ran away and reported it in the city and in the country. And *the people* came to see what it was that had happened. **15** They came to Jesus and observed the man who had been demon-possessed sitting down, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the “legion”; and they became frightened. **16** Those who had seen it described to them how it had happened to the demon-possessed man, and *all* about the swine. **17** And they began to implore Him to leave their region. **18** As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed was imploring Him that he might accompany Him. **19** And He did not let him, but He said to him, “Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you.” **20** And he went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

Exposition:

v.3 “bind” Mt 13:30, 16:19, 18:18, 27:2, Mk 3:27, Lk 13:16

v.4 subdue “tame”, of the tongue, James 3

v.5 constantly “through all the night and day”

v.7 shouting loud to shriek or cry out Mt 14:26, 30, 15:22, 21:9, **Mk 9:24,26**

v.10 the demons don't want to be sent out of the country?? Implies they had a foothold in that area they did not want to give up!

v.15 clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the “legion”; and they became frightened

in right mind “sound minded”

Rom 12:3, 2 Cor 5:13, Titus 2:6, 1 Pet 4:7

#### Another story of oppression Lk 13:10-16

**10** And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. **11** And there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all. **12** When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your sickness.” **13** And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect again and *began* glorifying God. **14** But the synagogue official, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, *began* saying to the crowd in response, “There are six days in which work should be done; so come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day.” **15** But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites, does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the stall and lead him away to water *him*? **16** “And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan **has bound** (same as Mk 5:3,4) for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond (chain) on the Sabbath day?”

#### Take-aways

1. Satan binds people. We may not always know the origin of someone’s trouble, but Jesus in Lk 11:13 clearly says “there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit;”

2. We have the power of binding and loosing

Mt 16:19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."