Demons Cast Out

Background

◊ The 2\textsuperscript{nd} of four miracles in Luke 8
  ◊ The Calming on the storm – Jesus’ authority over nature (22-25)
  ◊ The Healing of a demoniac man – Jesus’ authority over spirits (26-39)
  ◊ The Healing of a diseased woman – Jesus’ authority over sickness (40-48)
  ◊ The Healing of Jairus’s daughter – Jesus’ authority over death (49-56)

◊ The 5\textsuperscript{th} mentioned casting out of a demon in Luke
  ◊ Many healed (4:41 and 6:18)
  ◊ Mary Magdalene (8:2)
Introductory Thoughts

◊ An Intentional Visit
  ◊ Jesus’ ministry was to seek and save his lost sheep - 4:43
  ◊ Jesus’ ministry was to bring deliverance to the captives – 4:18
  ◊ Jesus comes for the distinct purpose to save this man

◊ Not new demonstrations of his authority and power
  ◊ His authority over all realms already seen
  ◊ (5:4-11, 4:33-41, 7:11-16)
  ◊ Opportunities to display his immense glory
Description of the Demonic Man

- Completely degraded and captive
  - “…A certain man, which had devils a long time”
  - “…Wore no clothes”
  - A physical and a spiritual description
  - “…Lived amongst the tombs”
- Under complete control of the devils
- Living a life of torment
  - Mark 5:5 – “…Crying and cutting himself with stones”
  - “…Exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass…” (Matt. 8:28)
The Power of the Devils

- They had taken complete control of the man (Lk. 8:28-32)
  - His words (vs. 28-32)
  - His actions (vs. 29)
- Their purpose for the man (Mk. 5:5)
  - Isolation – “…Night and Day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs”
  - Pain/Destruction – “…crying and cutting himself with stones”
  - Active torment – “…Lived amongst the tombs…”
- Their Intentions to Men (Mk. 5: 4, Lk. 8:33)
  - Uncontrollable and untamable by men
  - Hatred, violence, and murder
The Power of Christ

- The Demons react to his presence
  - “But when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran (to Jesus) (Mk. 5)
    - Unusual behavior (James 2:19)
    - Like men in Revelation they are unable to flee or escape judgment (Rev. 6:15-17)
- The Demons react to His 1st Command: “Come out of the man!”
  - They cast themselves at his feet and begged
  - “What have we to do with Thee?”
    - “Why are you interfering with us?” Or “Why have you come here?”
    - 2 Kings 3:11, 2 Chronicles 35:21
  - “Are you here to torment us before the time”
    - ...I Beg you “Do not torment me”
The Power of Christ

❖ The Demons react to His 1st Command: “Come out of the man!”
  ❖ Jesus Identified
    ❖ the Son of the Most High God
    ❖ Their Judge
  ❖ “Do not send us into the Abyss”
    ❖ Out of the country or into Hell
    ❖ Why do they make this request?
❖ “What is your name?”
  ❖ Not one but many…
The Power of Christ

✧ The Demons Obey Christ
  ✧ “Allow us to enter into the pigs…”
    ✧ Christ *allows* them to enter the pigs
    ✧ The Demon’s intentions again seen
      ✧ “Rushed violently…”

✧ Why the Pigs?
  ✧ Punishment?
  ✧ Proof that the demons have been cast out
The Reaction of Men

✧ The healed man (Vs.35, 38-39)
  ✧ “Clothed and in His right mind”
  ✧ “Sitting at Jesus’ feet”
  ✧ “Besought him that he might be with Him”
  ✧ Changed into a witness for Christ his God

✧ The men of the Country (Vs.37)
  ✧ “They were struck with great fear”
  ✧ Rejection
Notable Contrasts

- Two who have power over others
  - The Demons have power over men
  - The Christ has power over demons
- Two entities cast out
  - Jesus casts out the demons
  - The Men of the land cast out Jesus
- 2 Beggars
  - The Demons beg before Jesus
  - The Healed man Begs to be with Jesus
Application

- Jesus has ultimate authority over the kingdom of Satan
- Sinners not demon possessed but under Satan’s power
  - Eph. 2:2
- Ultimate and Eternal punishment Coming
  - To Satan, his demons, and his followers
- Healing and restoration only found in Christ
  - Mk. 5:3