

Demons Cast Out

Luke 8:26-39 (Mark 5:1-20, Matt. 8:28-34)

Background

- ◇ The 2nd 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 5th mentioned casting out of a demon in Luke
 - ◇ Luke 4: 33-36: The man in the synagogue
 - ◇ 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 Demoniac 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