

## Luke 8:26-39 *(New King James Version)*

### **A Demon-Possessed Man Healed**

**26** Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.

**27** And when **He stepped out on the land**, there met Him **a certain man** from the city **who had demons for a long time**. And **he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs**.

**28** When he saw Jesus, **he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!”**

**29** For He had **commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man**. For it had often **seized him**, and **he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles**; and he broke the bonds and was **driven by the demon into the wilderness**.

**30** Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?” And he said, “**Legion**,” because **many demons** had entered him.

**31** And **they begged** Him that He would **not command** them to go out into **the abyss**.

**32** Now **a herd of many swine** was feeding there on the mountain. So **they begged Him** that He would permit them to **enter them**. And **He permitted them**.

**33** Then **the demons** went out of the man and **entered the swine**, and **the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned**.

**34** When those who **fed them** saw **what had happened**, they fled and **told it in the city and in the country**.

**35** Then they **went out to see what had happened**, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, **sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind**. And **they were afraid**.

**36** **They also who had seen it told them** by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed.

**37** Then **the whole multitude** of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes **asked Him to depart from them**, for they were seized with **great fear**. And He got into the boat and returned.

**38** Now **the man** from whom the demons had departed **begged Him that he might be with Him**. But Jesus sent him away, saying,

**39** “**Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.**” And he went his way and **proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him**.