

Matthew 8:28-34  
Jesus Casts (Throws) Out  
Two Demons Possessed Men

Deaf Church  
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1. Introduction
  - a. Demons - in Mt 8:16-17 & 8:28-34
    - also Lk 4:40-41 & Mark 5:1-19
    - prophecy from Is 53:4 He has carried our sicknesses & sorrows
  - b. Country of the Gergesenes / Gadarenes
    - parallel account in Mark 5:1-19
    - on east side of sea of Galilee
    - pig herdsman (keepers) were gentiles caring for pigs for Roman city of Decapolis
  - c. Demons have evil natures
    - the 2 men acted strange with super human strength living among the dead
2. Two men with demons
  - a. (8:28) they were attacking other people "so no one could travel that way"
  - b. Two demon possessed men lived in the cemetery - worse than usual homeless
  - c. One of the 2 men ran out to meet him at lakeshore (Mk 5:2-5)
    - man could break metal chains
    - man would cut himself with rocks
  - d. Demons could speak thru human voice
3. Herd of swine (pigs)
  - a. (8:30) pigs rooting & feeding off in distance
    - pigs were unclean animals for Jews
    - only Gentiles would eat pork
  - b. Romans were Gentiles who liked their pork
4. Jesus Confronts demons
  - a. Demons (Legion) worship Jesus (Mk 5:6)
  - b. They recognize Jesus as Son of God
  - c. Their evil minds think of Jesus as torment
  - d. Jesus orders demons out (Mk 5:8)
  - e. Legion begs to go into herd of pigs
  - f. Demons crave physical bodies
  - f. Demons go into herd of pigs
  - g. Pigs go crazy, running down into water
  - h. All the pigs drown

5.

### City Rejected Jesus

- a. Pig herdsman ran into city
- b. They tell the city that pig herd destroyed
- c. City people came out to meet Jesus
- d. City people begged Jesus to leave

(Mk 5:14-17)

- they saw one of the men sitting down with clothes on
- the man was in his right mind
- the city people were afraid
  - \* afraid that Jesus could order demons out
  - \* that demons could kill 2000 pigs
  - \* that Jesus' actions could destroy their livelihood (pig herds)