

7. The Response - Not in Our Neighborhood!

Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left. Luke 8:36-37

8. The Assignment - Go and Tell.

The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him. Luke 8:38-39

B. Hear GOD's Message To You.

1. See the awful reality of Raw Evil.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12

2. Recognize Jesus' Authority and Power over all.

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. I John 4:4

3. Receive Transformation and True Freedom.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:31-32, 36

4. Once Saved, take up your Mission.

"Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him. Luke 8:39

Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. Psalm 96:2-3

Come To Jesus, The Mighty Deliverer. Go and Tell of GOD's Salvation.

MEET JESUS, THE GREAT DELIVERER

A. Hear The Details Of This Deliverance Story.

1. The Location - Gentile Territory.

They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. Luke 8:26

2. The Man - Demon-Possessed.

When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. Luke 8:27

3. The Confrontation - No match for Jesus' Authority and Power.

When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" For Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. Luke 8:28-29

4. The Request - "Not the Abyss!"

Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss. Luke 8:30-31

I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. Revelation 20:1-3

5. The Answer - Goodbye Pigs!

A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into them, and he gave them permission. When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. Luke 8:32-33

6. The Transformation - Dressed and in his Right Mind!

When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Luke 8:34-35

Faith@Home

Commit yourself to spending time with GOD and His Word on at least five days this week. Read the Bible passage(s) listed.

Ask GOD for understanding. Reflect on the verses you read and write down your answers to the question(s). Pray that GOD will guide you to walk in His Word.

Day One

Read Luke 8:26-39

1. Put yourself in the place of one of the guys who were there with Jesus. What do you think it was like to see this man come running up to Jesus? What would your reaction have been?
2. How did Jesus handle it? What does this tell you about Him?
3. Are there evil powers or influences from which you need to be set free? Go to the Lord and talk to Him about this.

Day Two

Read Luke 8:26-39

1. Describe the transformation that took place in the formerly demon possessed man. How was this possible?
2. Have you experienced Jesus' transformation in your life? What does that look like for you?
3. What do you think God is saying to you through this passage?

Day Three

Read Ephesians 6:10-12

1. Do you believe that there are demons/evil spirits at work in our world and in our lives today? Why, or why not?
2. How do you see these "manifested" today?
3. How are we to "fight" against these spiritual forces?

Day Four

Read I John 4:1-4

1. What do you learn from these verses?
2. What is the message of verse four? How does this comfort and encourage you?
3. Claim Jesus' authority and power today over whatever temptations and challenges come your way.

Day Five

Read Psalm 96

1. What are you commanded to do in verse three?
2. This is exactly what Jesus told the formerly demon-possessed man in Luke 8:39. In what ways are you doing this in your everyday life?
3. Read this Psalm one more time. Then ask God to put a new song in your heart and prepare you for our worship together on Sunday.