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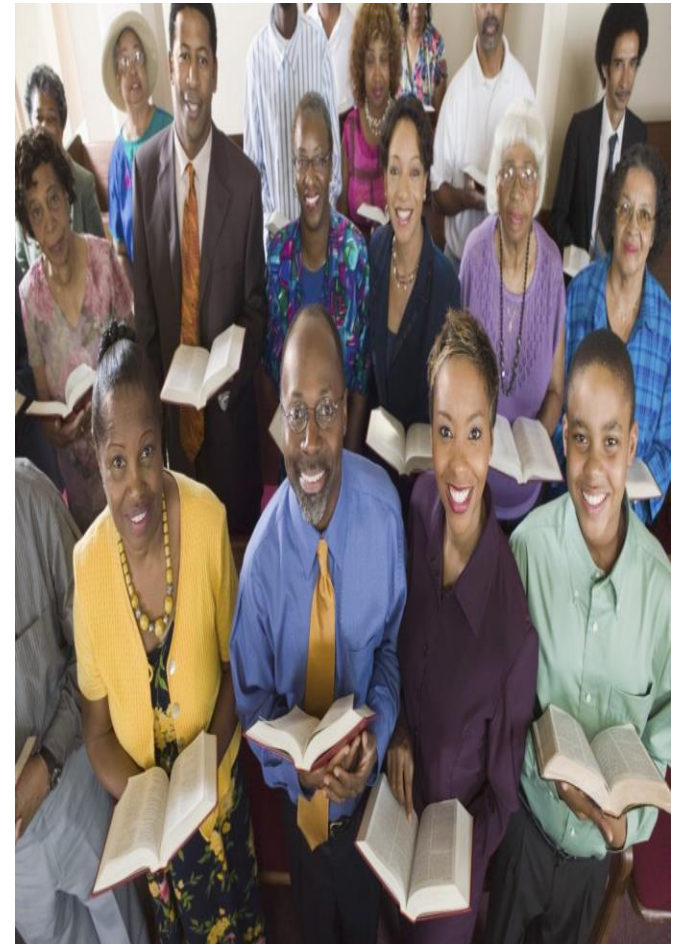
*Loving ...*

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*Leading ...*

*By the Word  
of God*





THE  
MIRACLES  
OF JESUS

# THE HEALING OF THE DEMONIACS OF THE GADARENES



**Luke 8:26-39 cf., Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20**

# WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF CHRIST SHOULD APPEAR?

- Would people welcome Jesus?
- Would people run and hide from Jesus?
- Would people reject Jesus?
- **Lesson:** If Jesus were to appear in visible form in our midst today, the reactions of people would be the **same** as those of the first century.
- The healing of the demoniacs in the country of the Gadarenes shows three types of reactions

# REACTION #1: THE FRUSTATION OF THE EVIL SPIRITS

- **THE EXPLANATION:** The reaction of the evil spirits to Jesus' Presence tells **four facts** about them.
  - The **deployment** of demons: Demons are real; they are angels who fell with Satan and their purpose is to confuse and deceive
  - The **destination** of demons: Jesus can send them to the Abyss, but their ultimate destiny is the lake of fire.
  - The **desire** of demons: They desire to influence man, either directly by demon possession or indirectly by deception.
  - The **doctrine** of demons: They know who Jesus is, that they are under His control, and that they will be judged and punished eternally by Him in the lake of fire.

# Are you frustrated about Jesus?



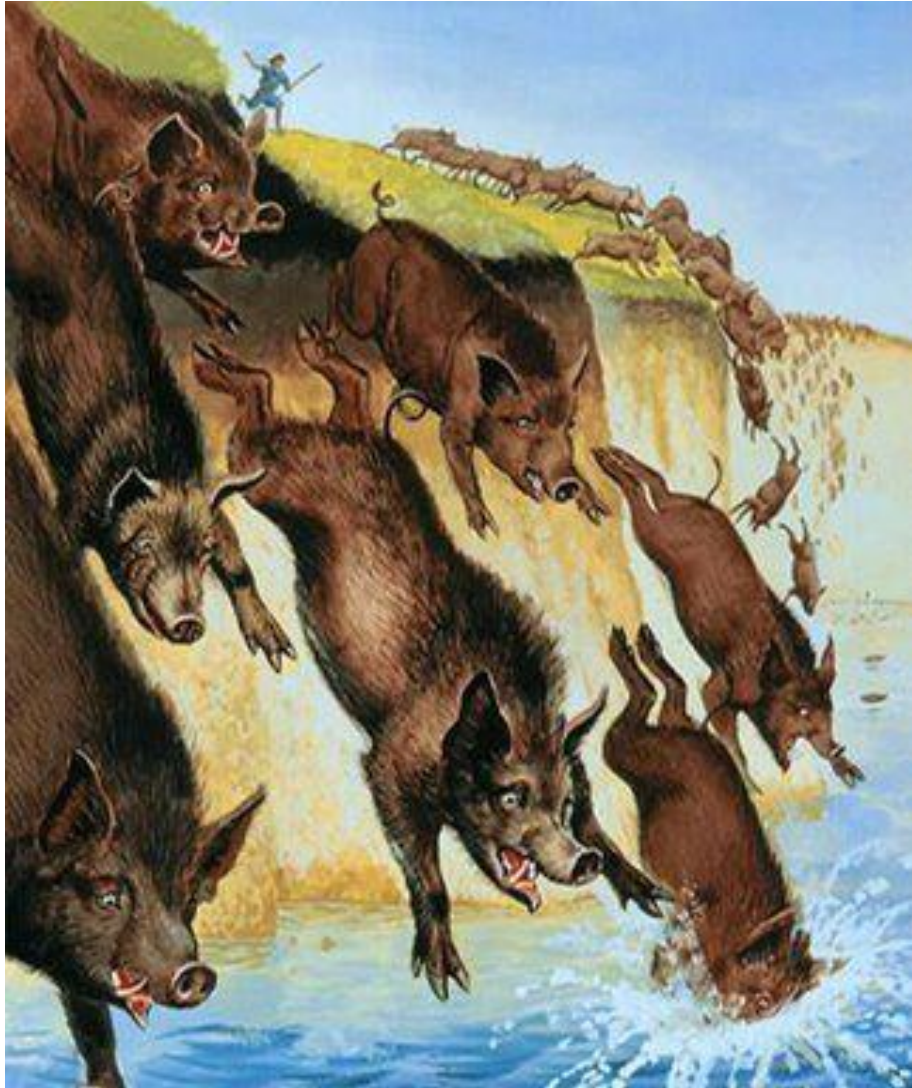
- The presence of Jesus frustrated these demon because Jesus frustrated their wicked plans.
- Many are frustrated at Jesus in the very same way!
- **Warning:** You can know who Jesus is and what He has done and remain in opposition to Him.

# REACTION #2: THE FEARS OF HUMAN SOCIETY

- **THE EXPLANATION:** The reaction of the people of the region of Gerasene tells us something about the **attitude** of human society.
  - Human society is more concern with making a living rather than seeking spiritual things (e.g., the people of the region of the Gerasenes were in the swine business, an unlawful business for Jews)
  - Human society is more concern with profit loss rather than seeking spiritual things (e.g., the people of the region of the Gerasenes suffered a major financial loss)
  - Human society is more concern with the status quo rather than seeking spiritual things (e.g., the people of the region of the Gerasenes viewed Jesus as dangerous)



# Do you politely reject Jesus?

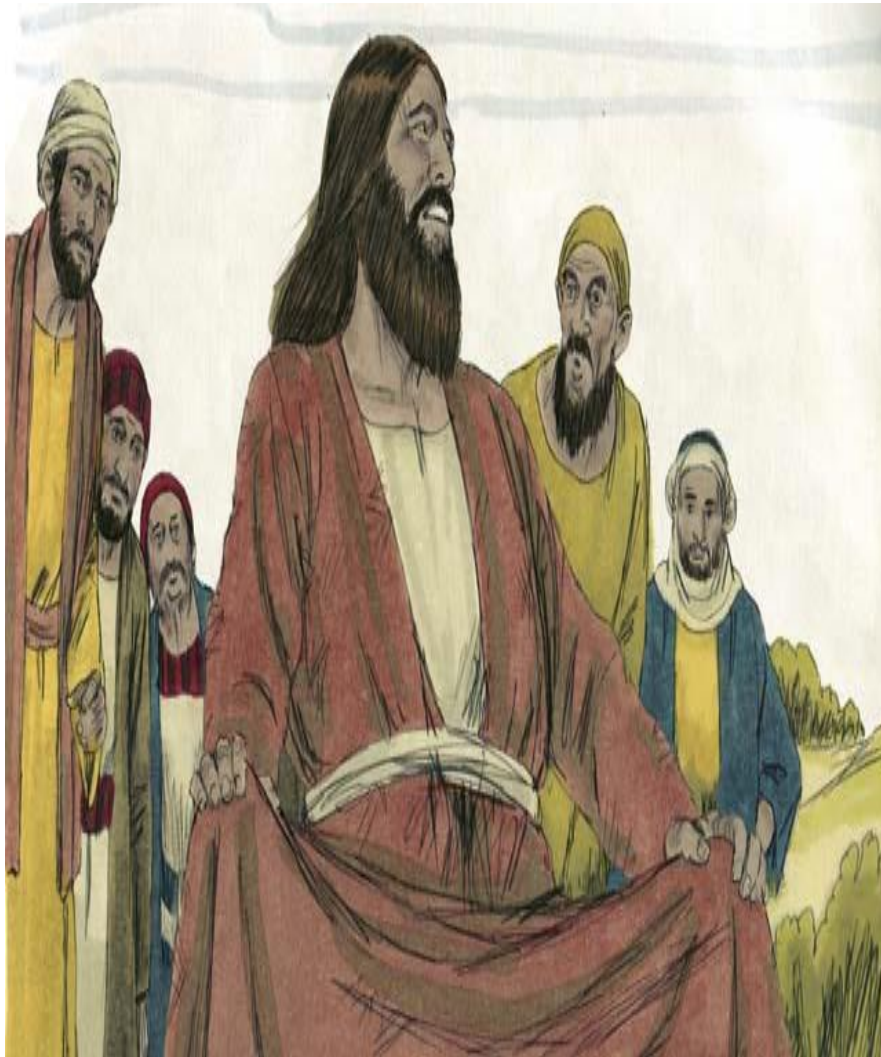


- Those who lose the swine in the region of the Gadarenes lose about \$500,000 worth of pork profits.
- Fear of loss, change, or control causes some to politely reject Jesus.

# REACTION #3: THE FOLLOWING OF THE SAINTS

- **THE EXPLANATION:** The dramatic physical change in the two men illustrates the **spiritual change** that every person who trusts Christ undergoes.
  - Instead of being naked, they were clothed (e.g., no more public shame)
  - Instead of crazy raging, they were in their right minds (e.g., no more public foolishness)
  - Instead of wandering in the tombs, they were settled and living among men (e.g., no more public isolation).
  - Instead of being chained by men, they were at peace with men (no more public hostility).
  - Instead of being controlled by demons, they were free and under self-controlled (no more public affliction).

# Has the Savior brought change into your life?



- Did your morals change from uncleanness to godliness?
- Did your mind change from double-mindedness to single-mindedness?
- Did your life change from bondage to freedom?

# A CHALLENGE FOR YOU

WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO CHRIST?

FRUSTRATION?

FEAR?

FAITH?



RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR  
SAVIOUR TODAY!!



- 1. Acknowledge** that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, **died** on the cross for your sin, and that He **arose** again from the dead on the third day.
- 2. Admit** that you are a sinner, **guilty** of sin and **responsible** and **accountable** to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
- 3. Accept** the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.