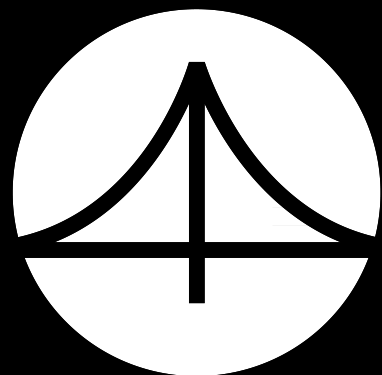


Luke: Savior from the Spirits

Luke 8:26-39



**Jesus' power over
demonic forces calls for
evangelism.**

- 1. A Worst-Case Scenario**
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A Worst-Case Scenario

- If we try to understand the world without realizing that there are spiritual forces at work, we won't understand the world properly

“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about [demons]. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.”

– CS Lewis

A Worst-Case Scenario

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- The demons know exactly who Jesus is, but they are opposed to Him
- Jesus sees the man, not the stereotype or label

A Power Encounter

- Jesus' conversation with the demon-possessed man isn't a conversation between equals - Jesus has all the power
- Jesus shows that the man is more important than thousands of pigs
- Jesus' miracle shows that sin leads to death

**“For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats
to take away sins.”**

– Hebrews 10:4

“But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.”

– Hebrews 10:12

“He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.”

– Colossians 2:15

2 Responses

- The response of the city
 - They are afraid and ask Jesus to leave
- The response of the man: worship
 - Although there's no one-size fits all right response to Jesus, all proper responses to Jesus involve telling others what He has done for us