

Luke 8: Demon Demonstration, Part 1

↳ **Luke 8:26-29** The last time we were together, I spoke to you about Jesus stilling the storm. Mark tells exactly what He said, "Peace, be still;" the Greek is like a diagraph equivalent to "shh" "shush," or "hush." He speaks to them like you would speak to a child!

↳ Then I read in my bible reading that the judgments of Egypt were done by the "finger of God."
Exodus 8:20 This launched a bit of research on the "finger of God" statement; the results are worth sharing. **Deuteronomy 9:10; Danial 5:5; Luke 11:19-20** If that's what He does with His finger, what can He do with His hand or His arm? **Isaiah 52:10**

1. Let's take a look at this riveting story of 2,000 demons whom Jesus conducts with His finger. We spent some time talking about demon possession back in earlier studies of Luke and then further back in our study of Daniel.

2. Demons and their theology: We learned that there is Angelic conflict that has been going on since the beginning. The primary M.O. of the demonic is anonymity; but we see so many demons during Jesus' ministry because the battle changed in those days. God Himself became a man and the demons got revealed.

- ✓ The man in the Synagogue in **Luke 4:34**. They are terrified of Him! They dare not try to hide from Him. They aren't atheist; they're fundamentalists, even premillennial and dispensational to be exact. They know Jesus is God; they know they have an appointment with Judgment. They know they will be condemned, and they know Jesus will be the one who does it. **James 2:19**
- ✓ They know that they can only do what He allows them to do; all they can do is beg. They know He is their sovereign, their judge, and executioner. "What do you want with us?;" why do they ask that? Matthew's account tells us that they also added this, **Matthew 8:29**.
- ✓ Accurate theology and accurate eschatology. They know judgment is coming, but they aren't quite clear as to when, **Matthew 24:36**.

3. Demon's methodology: These demons are as old as creation itself; they have a vast knowledge of the Godhead and who Jesus was "the Son of the Most-High God." They reveal themselves in the presence of anyone else by lying about God and His Son. **1st John 4:2-3; 2nd John 1: 7**

- ✓ Notice how this demoniac lives; this man is tormented, lives in the tombs, cuts himself, lives without clothes, and driven out into the wilderness. Notice where this man lives, in the tombs. **John 10:10; John 8:44** They are all about death; it's the consequence of sin and they love it.
- ✓ Notice how violent he is; it tells us in Matthew that this man was so violent that no one could pass that way. He's not just homicidal, but also suicidal. **Mark 5:5** Notice how perverted he is; he has not worn clothes in a very long time.
- ✓ Interesting in today's culture of believing spiritual things, that the spirits still drive people in these same directions: sexual perversions, violent murderous behaviors, and glorification of death.
- ✓ Their methodology hasn't changed.
