

Text Outline Luke 8:22-39**I. ²² One day****A. Jesus said to his disciples,**

1. **“Let us go over to the other side of the lake.”**

2. **So they**

a) got into a boat

b) and set out.

3. ²³ **As**

a) they sailed,

b) he fell asleep.

c) A squall

(1) came down on the lake,

(2) so that the boat was being swamped,

(3) and they were in great danger.

B. ²⁴ The disciples

1. **went**

2. **and woke him,**

3. **saying, “Master, Master, we’re going to drown!”**

C. He

1. **got up**

2. **and rebuked**

a) the wind

b) and the raging waters;

3. **the storm**

a) subsided,

b) and all was calm.

4. ²⁵ **“Where is your faith?” he asked his disciples.**

D. In fear and amazement they asked one another,

1. **“Who is this?**

2. **He commands even**

a) the winds

b) and the water,

c) and they obey him.”

II. ²⁶ They**A. sailed to**

1. **the region of the Gerasenes,**

2. **which is across the lake from Galilee.**

B. ²⁷ When

1. **Jesus stepped ashore,**

2. **he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town.**

- a) ***For a long time this man***
 (1) had not worn clothes
 (2) or lived in a house,
 (3) but had lived in the tombs.
- b) ***²⁸ When he saw Jesus,***
 (1) he cried out
 (2) and fell at his feet,
 (3) shouting at the top of his voice,
 (a) *“What do you want with me,*
 (i) *Jesus,*
 (ii) *Son of the Most High God?*
 (b) *I beg you, don’t torture me!”*
 (4) ²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man.
 (5) Many times
 (a) *it had seized him,*
 (b) *and though he was chained*
 (i) *hand*
 (ii) *and foot*
 (iii) *and kept under guard,*
 (c) *he had broken his chains*
 (d) *and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.*
- c) ***³⁰ Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”***
 (1) “Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him.
 (2) ³¹ And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.
- d) ***³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside.***
 (1) The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs,
 (2) and he gave them permission.
 (3) ³³ When
 (a) *the demons came out of the man,*
 (b) *they went into the pigs,*
 (c) *and the herd*
 (i) *rushed down the steep bank into the lake*
 (ii) *and was drowned.*

C. ³⁴ When

- 1. those tending the pigs**
 a) *saw what had happened,*
 b) *they ran off*
 c) *and reported this*
 (1) in the town
 (2) and countryside,
- 2. ³⁵ and the people**

- a) *went out to see what had happened.*
- b) *When they came to Jesus,*
 - (1) they found the man from whom the demons had gone out,
 - (a) *sitting at Jesus' feet,*
 - (b) *dressed*
 - (c) *and in his right mind;*
 - (2) and they were afraid.
- c) ³⁶ *Those*
 - (1) who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured.
 - (2) ³⁷ Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes
 - (a) *asked Jesus to leave them,*
 - (b) *because they were overcome with fear.*

D. So

- 1. **he**
 - a) *got into the boat*
 - b) *and left.*
- 2. ³⁸ **The man**
 - a) *from whom the demons had gone out*
 - b) *begged to go with him,*
- 3. **but Jesus**
 - a) *sent him away, saying,*
 - (1) ³⁹ "Return home
 - (2) and tell how much God has done for you."
 - b) *So the man*
 - (1) went away
 - (2) and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Conceptual Outline

Theme: Jesus demonstrates His power over nature and demons.

- I. **Jesus demonstrated His power over nature**
 - A. **Jesus intentionally takes His disciples to the other side of Galilee**
 1. **He fell asleep**
 2. **A squall came down on the lake. The disciples were in danger of drowning.**
 - B. **Jesus calmed the storm**
 1. **In desperation, the disciples woke Jesus up.**
 2. **Jesus' response**
 - a) *He rebuked the wind and the raging waters.*
 - b) *The storm subsided.*
 - c) *Jesus questioned the disciples "Where is your faith?"*
 3. **The disciples' responded in fear & amazement.**
 - a) *They questioned "Who is this?"*
 - b) *based on their observation of what happened.*
- II. **Jesus demonstrated His power over the demons**
 - A. **They sailed to the region of Gerasenes - a gentile territory in the Decapolis.**
 - B. **He was met by a demon-possessed man**
 1. **Condition of the man**
 - a) *He had a long history of inability to care for himself.*
 - b) *The demons caused him to cry out & worshipped Jesus as the Son of God.*
 - c) *Jesus commanded the spirit to come out.*
 - d) *The demons demonstrated their control over the man.*
 2. **Jesus' dialog with the demons**
 - a) *Questioned their name?*
 - b) *Legion - army of demons (Roman legion is 6826)*
 - c) *The demons' plead not to go into the Abyss*
 3. **Jesus' power**
 - a) *The demons' plead to go into the pigs*
 - b) *Jesus gave them permission*
 - c) *The demons came out of the man & drowned the pigs*
 - C. **The people's reaction**
 1. **The caregivers of the pigs reported the news.**
 2. **The people's reaction**

- a) *came out to investigate*
- b) *found the possessed man healed*
- c) *They were afraid.*
- d) *They listened to the eye-witnesses' report*
- e) *They asked Jesus to leave them because they were overcome with fear*

D. Jesus' departure & commissioning

- 1. Jesus left.**
- 2. The man begged to go with Him.**
- 3. The Commissioning**
 - a) *Jesus' instruction to the man*
 - (1) "Return home
 - (2) and tell how much God has done for you."
 - b) *The man's obedience*
 - (1) He went away
 - (2) and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Questions:

- 1 Read the entire passage. What is one of your greatest fear in life? Did you do something out of fear that you've regretted? How did you cope with this fear? Do you have any fear when you draw near to God?**
- 2 As we look from today's passage at how Jesus demonstrates His power, we can learn how He can calm our fears. Read Luke 8:22-25. This is a pretty familiar story. Can we pick out all the verbs that describe what Jesus did in vs. 22-23? From these descriptions, does it seem that His getting into the boat, falling asleep, being stuck in a squall was accidental? Support you position.**
- 3 What happened after Jesus fell asleep? (Ref Mark 4:35-38 & Mt 8:23-27) What was the disciples' assessment of the situation they were in? What might they be feeling/thinking? What did they do? If you were in that situation, what would you do? What do you think the disciples had in minds when they woke Jesus up?**
- 4 What did Jesus do after He woke and what question did He raise? In your opinion what was their faith like - their doubts, fears, etc.? Where was their faith? If they had great faith like Abraham's, what might their thinking, feeling, and actions be different? How might things be different?**
- 5 Regardless of their lack of faith or little faith, Jesus demonstrated Himself true. What were the disciples' reaction? What is the logical answer to their question? Why did they react with fear & amazement when they recognized Jesus' supernatural power? Have you ever been fearful when you experience Jesus' power? What were you afraid of? If you were to imagine having greater faith, how might you handle your fear?**
- 6 Read vs. 26-39. After being confronted with life & death & seeing Jesus' power over nature, the disciples & Jesus continued their journey. Greater fear confronted them. Where did they arrive? Do you recall the ethnicity of the people living "across the lake from Galilee? Support your answer from evidence from this passage.**
- 7 Who greeted them? How was this man described in vs. 27-29? What are some adjectives you'd use to describe this man? What are some of the verbs used to describe how he was treated by the demons, by the people of his town, and by himself?**

- 8 How did Jesus treated him? What did Jesus do for this man? What did Jesus suffer for this man? Why did the people of the town become afraid when they saw what Jesus did?**
- 9 This passage contains a very interesting dialog Jesus had with the demons. Name some characters of demons we can see from this passage. What are some of their lies? Why didn't Jesus enjoy their worship or proclamation? What can you conclude about Jesus' power from his interaction with the demons? (James 2:19) How can we handle demons in our lives? (James 4:7)**
- 10 The disciples were almost invisible in this 2nd portion of the passage. What do you think they have learned? What would be their answer to their own question in v. 25 be now? As Jesus' disciples, what can we learn from these 2 demonstrations of His power? What are your emotional response when you consider His power?**
- 11 Instead of being grip by fear & amazement, how was the man's reaction to Jesus different from that of the disciples and the people in the town? Why did he want to go with Jesus? Why did Jesus deny His request? What was Jesus' assignment for him? How did he respond to Jesus' commissioning? From his obedience & Luke's description about what the man did, what do you think was his answer to the question "Who is this?"**
- 12 Going back to our original question of whether Jesus' boat trip was intentional or accidental/coincidental, if it were intentional, what do you think were His intents? What more do you know from this passage about who Jesus is, how is he like? If He asks you "Where is your faith?", what would be your answer? Which of the 4 groups' faith resembles yours - demons, people of the town, disciples, the demon-possessed man?**

Questions & Potential Answers

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 - Said "Let us go..." to the disciples, got into the boat, set out, fell asleep
 - Intentional: Instructed disciples to go & f/u with action
 - Coincidental: fell asleep, bore & found something to do (though not too likely)

- 3 What happened after Jesus fell asleep? (Ref Mark 4:35-38 & Mt 8:23-27) What was the disciples' assessment of the situation they were in? What might they be feeling/thinking? What did they do? If you were in that situation, what would you do? What do you think the disciples had in minds when they woke Jesus up?**
 - A squall (sudden violent windstorm accompanied by rain or snow) came down on the lake.
 - great danger, about to drown/perish, pretty scared & worried even though they're profession seamen & had much experience in this lake.
 - They woke Him up & told Him they were drowning
 - Wake him up so he'll know he's dying; try to escape together; maybe He can do something.

- 4 What did Jesus do after He woke and what question did He raise? In your opinion what was their faith like - their doubts, fears, etc.? Where was their faith? If they had great faith like Abraham's, what might their thinking, feeling, and actions be different? How might things be different?**
 - Rebuked the wind and the raging water & the storm subsided. He just spoke and the wind & storm listened. He asked them "Where is your faith?"
 - They might have some faith but at the time, their faith wasn't in Jesus. They were looking at the circumstances, the great danger they were in. Maybe they faith was in their own ability/inability to do something to save themselves. It seemed doubtful that Jesus was able to do anything. 1) He was asleep & didn't know. 2) Maybe He didn't care. 3) From their amazement, they probably didn't think that Jesus could really save them.
 - Maybe Jesus can raise them from the dead. Maybe they themselves can tell the storm to calm down because Jesus was with them. Maybe they can just wake Jesus up and

make a request rather than complain. They can trust that they'll be in heaven if they died.

- They might experience a greater miracle.

5 Regardless of their lack of faith or little faith, Jesus demonstrated Himself true. What were the disciples' reaction? What is the logical answer to their question? Why did they react with fear & amazement when they recognized Jesus' supernatural power? Have you ever been fearful when you experience Jesus' power? What were you afraid of? If you were to imagine having greater faith, how might you handle your fear?

- Fear & amazement, raise a question "Who is this?"
- He is God because of His supernatural power over nature. Who can simply speak so nature would listen? If He's not God, he would be the devil. This is not a likely possibility as the devil isn't calm & often causes disturbance & destructions.
- Amazement is natural & expected. Fear might be from being overwhelmed. Who is this? Is He really God? Then, what does He want from me? If He has power over nature, He would know all about me? I can't hide my dark secrets from Him. What does He want from me? I can't be my own boss. I'll have to let go of my idols & the way I used to operate.
- Jesus' power is gentle & loving. He wants the best for me. He'll not reject me because of my dark secrets. If I let Him have all my stuffs & be the boss, knowing Him, things will be better, not worse. He make pretend to sleep but He's there & He cares.

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- Gerasenes which is in the region of Decapolis on the East side of Galilee. This is a gentile region.
- They raised pigs.

7 Who greeted them? How was this man described in vs. 27-29? What are some adjectives you'd use to describe this man? What are some of the verbs used to describe how he was treated by the demons, by the people of his town, and by himself?

- A demon-possessed man.
- no clothes, no home, lived in the tombs
- pitiful, hopeless, reject, crazy, scary
- Demons - seized him, drove him; People of town - chained him; Himself - not worn clothes, not lived..., cried, fell, shout, broke chains.

8 How did Jesus treated him? What did Jesus do for this man? What did Jesus suffer for this man? Why did the people of the town become afraid when they saw what Jesus did?

- came to him, did not reject him, commanded the demons to come out of him, dialoged with the demons
- misunderstanding & rejection
- Fear of how Jesus might disrupt more of their lives, fear of who He was, changes that He'll make in their lives & religion

9 This passage contains a very interesting dialog Jesus had with the demons. Name some characters of demons we can see from this passage. What are some of their lies? Why didn't Jesus enjoy their worship or proclamation? What can you conclude about Jesus' power from his interaction with the demons? (See II Thess 2:8b, James 2:19) How can we handle demons in our lives? (James 4:7)

- Legion - many, 2000 pigs, a Roman legion is 6826; they torture but would lie & accuse Jesus of torturing them; they can seized men & control men; they know who Jesus is but are disobedient spirits; they are cunning & tried to discredit Jesus; they are opposed to Jesus; their power is destructive & torturous. (Ref Revelation 12:7-9 - where demons came from)
- Because of who the demons were. They are liars & are disobedient.
- He is God with far greater power than evil forces. Jesus will simply destroy with His breath.
- Draw near/submit to God, resist the devil

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- Jesus' compassion & power over the demons
- They would have to be blind to not recognize Jesus as God

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- He was dressed, in his right mind and sitting at Jesus' feet (a symbol of a disciple), he wanted to follow Jesus
- He had a greater plan for him. Following Jesus is not limited to physically being with Jesus
- He was to return home & tell how much God has done for him.

- He obeyed & went all over town.
- Jesus equated His work as God's work. The man equated Jesus' work as God's work. He knew Jesus is God.

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- To save the demon-possessed man, to grow His disciple's faith, to reveal Himself as God, to save the people of this town
- God. Powerful with grace & gentleness, planful, merciful, compassionate, not rejecting, not forceful, persistent (He would leave but not give up), fully in control