

“Jesus’ Power Over Demons”

Luke 8:26-39

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I. Introduction

- A. “There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel and have an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.” – C.S. Lewis
 - 1. “If Satan cannot pull you down with disbelief, he will just as happily push you overboard with an obsession about him.” – R. Kent Hughes
- B. The story of the demoniac of Gadara affirms the reality that Satan and his fallen host of demons exist, but it does not encourage an unhealthy fascination with them. We see in the story the power and purpose of Satan, yet we also learn of the greater power and purpose of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Most High.

II. The Destructive Power of Satan (Luke 8:26-29)

III. The Delivering Power of the Son of God (Luke 8:30-35)

IV. The Damning Power of Sin (Luke 8:36-37)

V. The Desire of the Saved (Luke 8:38-39)

VI. Conclusion

- A. The different forces at work in this man’s life
 - 1. Satan
 - a) Robbed him of his family and self-control
 - 2. Society
 - a) Restrained him, isolated him, rejected him, but were unable to change him or help him
 - 3. The Savior
 - a) Redeemed him back to sanity, society, and service
 - b) The image of God restored
 - 4. There’s a Savior who stands at the door of your heart