
WALKING ON WATER
BIBLE CHURCH
HE BROUGHT ME
OUT OF THE
TOMBS!
LUKE 8:26-39
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26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.
27 And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.
28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!”

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29 For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.
30 Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?”
And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him.
31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

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33 Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.
34 When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country.
35 Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

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36 They also who had seen it told them by what means he
who had been demon-possessed was healed.
37 Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the
Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were
seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.
38 Now the man from whom the demons had departed
begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him
away, saying,

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39 “Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.” And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

THE SERMON’S CENTRAL TRUTH

Jesus has authority to rescue the oppressed, restore the displaced, and send the redeemed to testify.

The focus is not merely where the man lived—but WHO brought him out.

Remember that even in our dilemma, the focus is Christ

FROM THE STORM TO THE TOMBS

Luke 8:22–25: Jesus commands the winds and waves.

Luke 8:26–39: Jesus commands the demonic realm.

The disciples ask, “Who can this be?” The demons know.

FOUR MOVEMENTS OF THE TEXT

I. The Man’s Misery (vv. 26–29)

II. Christ’s Majesty (vv. 28–33)

III. His Miraculous Transformation (vv. 34–37)

IV. His Mission to Testify (vv. 38–39)

I. THE MAN’S MISERY

Luke calls him a man “from the city” (v. 27).

Yet he did not live in a house—he lived among the tombs.

His location reveals the devastation of his condition.

HE WAS OUT OF PLACE

He was FROM the city, but LIVING among the tombs.

He belonged in ordinary human community, not among graves.

Oppression had driven him away from normal life.

WHEN WE DRIFT OUT OF PLACE

Destructive influences can pull us from faithful purpose.

From fruitful service toward isolation and spiritual barrenness.

Ask: Am I living where obedience to Christ calls me to be?

THE DEPTH OF HIS MISERY

No clothing: a loss of dignity (v. 27).

No house: a loss of ordinary belonging (v. 27).

Chains could not hold him; he was driven into the wilderness (v. 29).

WHAT ARE DEMONS?

Demons are personal, evil spiritual beings opposed to God.

Scripture associates them with Satan’s kingdom (Luke 11:18–20).

They are creatures—not rivals equal to the Creator.

WHAT IS THEIR INTENT?

To oppose God’s work and harm those made in His image.

Here their oppression isolates, degrades, and torments the man.

Compare John 10:10 carefully: the thief’s destructive purpose.

“LEGION”: MANY DEMONS

Jesus asks his name; the answer is “Legion” (v. 30).

Luke explains: many demons had entered the man.

Their number magnifies the misery—not their power over Christ.

II. CHRIST’S MAJESTY

The demons cry, “Jesus, Son of the Most High God” (v. 28).

They know His identity and fear His authority.

Jesus does not negotiate as an equal; He commands as Lord.

THE DEMONS KNOW WHO HE IS

Recognition is not reconciliation.

They acknowledge Jesus while remaining opposed to Him.

James 2:19: even the demons believe—and tremble.

THREE ASPECTS OF FAITH

NOTITIA — knowledge of the gospel’s content.

ASSENSUS — assent that the message is true.

FIDUCIA — personal trust and reliance upon Christ.

SAVING FAITH IS MORE THAN FACTS

Knowing ABOUT Jesus is not the same as trusting IN Jesus.

Saving faith rests on Christ—not merely correct information.

Living trust bears fruit; its fruit does not earn salvation.

THEY KNOW JUDGMENT IS COMING

Luke 8:31: they beg not to be sent into the abyss.

Matthew 8:29 adds: “before the time.”

They anticipate a future appointed judgment (cf. Matt. 25:41).

EVIL HAS AN EXPIRATION DATE

Demons recognize both Jesus’ authority and coming judgment.

Their present activity does not mean they possess final control.

The risen Christ will bring evil to its appointed end.

THE PIGS AND CHRIST’S POWER

The demons ask permission to enter the swine (vv. 32–33).

Jesus permits it; the herd rushes into the lake and drowns.

Even a legion cannot act here apart from Christ’s permission.

III. HIS MIRACULOUS TRANSFORMATION

The people find him “sitting at the feet of Jesus” (v. 35).

He is clothed and in his right mind.

His restoration is visible, public, and unmistakable.

FROM THE TOMBS TO HIS FEET

Before: among graves, isolated, and driven about.

After: seated at Jesus’ feet, clothed, and composed.

Christ’s deliverance restores dignity and direction.

RECOGNIZE YOUR NEW PLACE

Do not romanticize the place Christ has rescued you from.

Spiritual restoration calls us toward worship and obedience.

The proper place for a disciple is at Jesus’ feet.

THE CROWD’S TROUBLING RESPONSE

The witnesses report what happened (vv. 34–36).

The region is seized with great fear (v. 37).

They ask Jesus to leave, despite the man’s deliverance.

IV. HIS MISSION TO TESTIFY

The man begs to accompany Jesus (v. 38).

Jesus instead commands: “Return to your own house” (v. 39).

The one without a home is sent HOME with a testimony.

GO HOME AND TELL

“Tell what great things God has done for you” (v. 39).

He proclaims throughout the city what JESUS had done.

His testimony points beyond himself to Christ’s power.

HE BROUGHT ME OUT!

From the tombs to the feet of Jesus.

From isolation to a homeward mission.

From torment to testimony.

The glory belongs to the One who brought him out!