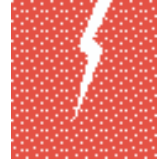


## Luke 8:26-39

### An appointment by the sea.

I can't help but succumb to a feeling that Jesus knew where He was going. He knew God had ministry for him across the sea. Perhaps he had heard about this mad man that everyone else avoided.

# JESUS' AWESOME AUTHORITY



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## POWER OVER THE SPIRIT WORLD

## DEMONIAC CURED

Just kind of person we would avoid!

Possessed  
Nude  
Homeless

But what happens when we give in to evil and avoid the people who need ministry? What we see here is a deserted area. A beach is deserted because a mad man wanders about it. When we give in to fears, then we too will help create danger zones where man fears to walk.

Just kind of person we should confront!

Spiritually oppressed  
Destitute  
Unloved

Mark 5:13 indicates that some 2,000 spirits possessed him but a legion normally had 5-6,000 men.

Jesus' authoritative word changed everything. First the demons fled. Then the man is composed sitting at Jesus' feet, clothed and in his right mind. He wanted to stay with Jesus, but Jesus turned him into an evangelist. All in one quick overnight trip to Gergesa.

### Real Ministry!

The church is appropriately placed in the midst of this dying world. Woe to us if we reject our most significant opportunities to minister. The people are sick, scared and dying. We with the message of the power and truth of God must work while it is still day for the night cometh when no man can work. Christians are here so that Jesus can minister through us.

### Real Training!

Maybe we have to train our pastors and missionaries so long in seminary because they haven't experienced God's power. They can teach it but don't live it out. This man became an instant evangelist! He was convinced of God's changing power.

### Real Expectation!

What Jesus could do in one overnight trip must be at least what all of us could do together in one month. Let's join together and demand a living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

# RESIST THE DEVIL AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU!