

The Demoniacs

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Healing the Gerasene Demoniac

Texts:

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Mark 5:1-20,

And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains and the chains had been plucked sunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the

most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea. And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine. And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts. And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

Luke 8:26-39,

And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and wore no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not. (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught

him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.) And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him, And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep. And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them. Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked. When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed. Then the whole multitude of the country of Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again. Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying, Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.

Commentary:

I. When Jesus, his disciples and those in the accompanying boats completed their journey to the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee (over against Galilee) they were then in the country of the Gadarenes, Gerasa.

A. Gadara, the chief city of that area, was one of the ten cities composing what was called Decapolis: (Damascus, Dion, Gadara, Gerasa, Hippos, Canatha, Pella, Philadelphia, Raphana, and Scythopois) all but one of which were east of the Jordan

River. Godasa was the specific area in which these events took place.

- B. Matthew speaks of two demoniacs while Mark and Luke mention, center their attention on, only one, the principal one. They were living among the tombs in the cemetery.
- C. These men were each possessed by many demons. This was not a simple mental illness. It was demon possession.
- D. We are not prepared to say that demon possession has vanished from the earth. Satan is alive and well!
- E. The demons caused the two possessed men to be so physically strong that no man could bind them, not even with chains.
 - 1. They had been bound many times with chains, but these chains had repeatedly been broken into pieces.
 - 2. These men were naked, kept under guard and driven into the desert.
 - 3. The area in which they stayed was off limits to citizens of the area due to the fact that these men were dangerous.
 - 4. They cried out loudly day and night continually and cut themselves with stones. They were also a danger to themselves.

III. The demoniacs with a loud voice cried out saying to Jesus, “What have we to do with you, thou Son of God? Have you come to torment us before the time?”

- A. When the demoniacs saw Jesus at a distance they ran to Jesus and worshipped him falling down before him.

1. Apparently worshipping God alone will not save the soul. Demons believe and tremble, but continue in their sins.
 2. At this time what was done by the demons was done by the men because the demons controlled the men.
- B. The kingdom of Satan and those in it knew who Jesus was, God's only begotten son.
- C. They knew that eternal doom awaited them and complained about their perceived early punishment. Acts 17:30, 31, And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

III. A herd of swine, ceremonially unclean according to the Mosaic Law, was sighted at a considerable distance from Jesus and the demoniacs.

- A. Jesus commanded the many demons to come out of the men.
- B. There were so many demons in one man that he was called Legion. A Roman legion was 4000 to 6000 men. Many indeed!
1. Mark 16:9, Now when Jesus was risen early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.
 2. Matthew 12:44, 45, Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept and garnished.

- C. The demons asked to be permitted to enter the herd of swine and their request was granted.
- D. Mark's use of singular and plural pronouns (he/them) shows the man and the demons were totally intertwined.
- E. The demons begged Jesus not to send them out of the country, that is, into the abyss (eternal torment). Why not, they had tormented these two men unmercifully.

1. Revelation 9:1-11, And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth; and to him was given the key of the **bottomless pit**. And he opened the **bottomless pit**; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and

their power was to hurt men five months. And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the **bottomless pit**, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

2. Revelation 11:7, And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the **bottomless pit** shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.
3. Revelation 17:8, The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the **bottomless pit**, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

A. Mark places the number of these hogs at 2000!

B. The demons asked Jesus to permit them to enter the swine seen feeding on the mountain.

1. Satan is limited by divine restrictions.
2. The demons sought permission to enter the swine.
3. Matthew 13:25, But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.
4. The demons' request can be considered a "prayer" of sorts. God answers any and all prayers which are in keeping with his will.

C. Permission for the demons to enter the herd of swine was granted.

D. The whole herd of swine rushed down the steep cliff into the Sea of Galilee and died, were drowned.

E. Satan's control destroys! It devastated the demoniacs and the herd of swine.

1. Judas. Luke 22:3, Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of twelve. Matthew 27:5, And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

F. A herd of swine in exchange for the lives of two men! A good deal?

III. The owners of the hogs evidently did not think it was a good deal.

A. The keepers of the swine seeing what had happened went into the city and reported what had happened including the miraculous healing of the demoniacs.

B. The keepers of the swine were out of work and the owners of the hogs had sustained a major financial reversal.

C. All those living in Gadara went out and asked Jesus to go away! They let him know he was no longer welcome!

D. The citizens of Gadara, when they arrived, saw the men who had been healed sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in their right minds.

E. When the town's people saw this wonder they were amazed and afraid.

F. What a wondrous change Jesus made in this man's condition!

G. What a wondrous difference Jesus can make in our lives also!

H. The citizens could have taken a collection to pay for the swine in appreciation of the good deeds done for the demoniacs.

I. What they did was to ask Jesus to leave the area. They “kicked him out of town,” so to speak, because of fear. What unwise things have we done out of fear?

1. Many still today ask Jesus to go away!... to come back at a more convenient time.

J. Jesus left and never returned!

1. What of those who might have been saved if Jesus had remained longer?

2. What of all the other sick and suffering Jesus may have healed if he had stayed longer?

K. It is a terribly serious matter to tell Jesus “to leave us alone!”

IV. As Jesus was getting back into the boat, the healed Gadarene asked that he be permitted to travel with Jesus.

A. This petition was not granted, but another instruction, responsibility was given to him.

B. The command was for the Gadarene to go to his house and to his friends and tell them how great things God had done for him and how God had had mercy on him.

C. We need also to tell everyone how great things God has done for us and how God has had mercy on us.

D. Many who were miraculously healed were told to tell no one about what had happened to them.

E. That was not true in this case. The healed men were directed to tell everyone. This was a Gentile area and telling of the miracle would not hasten his crucifixion.

F. The men went through Decapolis, as traveling evangelists telling how great things Jesus had done for them.

G. All men marveled at what Jesus had done!

Conclusion:

I. Jesus came into the world to destroy the works of the devil.

II. Jesus determines the area(s) in which he wishes for each of us to serve him.

III. We may need to begin at home to bring people to Christ, to salvation.

IV. We must not permit secular things to dominate our thinking. Spiritual things must be first in importance.

Demon Possession

I. Jesus came to do battle with the forces of evil, demons included.

II. The battle between good and evil continues. Armageddon. Death last enemy.

III. Jesus healed:

- A. People with unclean spirits. Demons.
- B. People with fevers.
- C. All who were sick with divers diseases.
- D. Lepers.

IV. What about Demon Possession?

A. Matthew, Luke and Mark all concur in pronouncing demons unclean; that is, wicked. They thus corrected the prevailing Greek notion that some demons were good. The word “demon,” as used in our Saviour’s time by both Jews and Greeks, meant the spirits of the departed or the ghosts of dead men, and the teaching of that and prior ages was that such spirits often took possession of living men and controlled them. But whatever these demons were, the Scripture, both by its treatment of them and its words concerning them, clearly indicates that they were immaterial, intelligent beings, which are neither to be confused with maladies and diseases of the body, nor with tropes, similes, metaphors, or other figures of speech. It would be impossible to regard demon possession as a mere disease without doing violence to the language used in every instance of the expulsion of a demon. The frequency of demonical possession in the time of Jesus is probably due to the fact that his advent formed a great crisis in the spiritual order of things.

B. In proof of this we adduce the following scriptural facts:

1. The legislation of the Old Testament proceeded upon the assumption that there was such a thing as a “familiar spirit.”

2. Leviticus 19:31, Turn ye not in to them that have familiar spirits, nor unto the wizards; seek them not out, to be defiled by them: I am Jehovah your God.

C. Revelation 16:14, For they are spirits of demons, working signs; which go forth unto the kings of the whole world, to gather them together unto the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.

D. Jesus even founded a parable upon their habits. Luke 11:24-26, The unclean spirit when he is gone out of the man, passeth through waterless places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will turn back unto my house whence I came out. And when he is come, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more evil than himself; and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man becometh worse than the first.

1. Jesus distinguished between demons and diseases, and so did his disciples.

2. Matthew 10:8, Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons: freely ye received, freely give.

E. Luke 10:17-20, And the seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject unto us in thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan fallen as lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall in any wise hurt you. Nevertheless in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

1. Jesus addressed them as persons, and they answered as such.

2. Mark 9:25, And when Jesus saw that a multitude came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I command thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

F. They manifested desires and passions.

1. Mark 5:12, 13, And they besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And he gave them leave. And the unclean spirits came out, and entered into the swine: and the herd rushed down the steep into the sea, in number about two thousand; and they were drowned in the sea.
2. Legion (2,000 hogs). Pork was unclean. What if you had been the owner of these hogs? What if you had been a parent of Legion?
3. They showed superhuman knowledge of Jesus.
4. Matthew 8:29, And behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, thou Son of God? Art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

III. It would be impossible to regard demon possession as a mere disease.

A. Demon Possession – an affliction of persons in the New Testament who were possessed or controlled by demons.

1. Matthew 4:24, And the report of him went forth into all Syria: and they brought unto him all that were sick, holden with divers diseases and torments. Possessed with demons, and epileptic, and palsied: and he healed them.

2. Matthew 8:33, And they that fed him fled, and went away into the city, and told everything, and what was befallen to them that were possessed with demons.

IV. The New Testament gives graphic descriptions of the effect of demons on people. Some of the diseases which they caused included:

A. Muteness.

1. Matthew 12:22, Then was brought unto him one possessed with a demon, blind and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the dumb man spake and saw.
2. Mark 9:17, 25, And one of the multitude answered him, Teacher, I brought unto thee my son, who hath a dumb spirit; And when Jesus saw that a multitude came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I command thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

B. Deafness.

1. Mark 9:25, And when Jesus saw that a multitude came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I command thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

C. Blindness.

1. Matthew 12:22, Then was brought unto him one possessed with a demon, blind and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the dumb man spake and saw.

D. Bodily deformity.

1. Luke 13:10-17, And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath day. And behold, a woman that had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years; and she was bowed together, and could in no wise lift herself up. And when Jesus saw her, he called her, and said to her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid his hands upon her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. And the ruler of the synagogue, being moved with indignation because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, answered and said to the multitude, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the day of the Sabbath. But the Lord answered him, and said, Ye hypocrites, doth not each of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan had bound, lo, these eighteen years, to have been loosed from this bond on the day of the Sabbath? And as he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame: and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

V. But demons were not responsible for all physical ailments. The gospel writers frequently distinguished between sickness and demon possession.

A. Matthew 4:24, And the report of him went forth into all Syria: and they brought unto him all that were sick, holden with divers diseases and torments; possessed with demons, and epileptic, and palsied; and he healed them.

B. Mark 1:32, And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were sick, and them that were possessed with demons.

VI. Sometimes a problem caused by demons appears to have another cause in another situation.

A. Matthew 12:22, Then was brought unto him one possessed with a demon, blind and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the dumb man spake and saw.

B. Matthew 15:30, And there came unto him great multitudes, having with them the lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and they cast them down at his feet.

VII. In New Testament times demons were also responsible for some mental/emotional problems.

A. Matthew 8:28, And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gadaranes, there met him two possessed with demons, coming forth out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man could pass by that way.

B. Acts 19:13-16, But certain also of the strolling, wandering Jews, exorcists took upon them to name over them that had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, a chief priest, who did this. And the evil spirit answered and said unto them, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and mastered both of them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

VIII. The ranting and raving that they produced probably should be included with mental disorders.

A. Mark 1:23, 24, And straightway there was in the synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, saying, What have

we to do with thee, Jesus thou Nazarene? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

B. John 10:20, And many of them said, He hath a demon, and is mad; why hear ye him?

IX. Uncontrolled fits were another form of demonic affliction.

A. Luke 9:37-42, And it came to pass on the next day, when they were come down from the mountain, a great multitude met him. And behold, a man from the multitude cried, saying, Teacher, I beseech thee to look upon my son; for he is mine only child: and behold, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth, and it hardly departeth from him, bruising him sorely. And I besought thy disciples to cast it out; and they could not. And Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and bear with you? Bring hither thy son. And as he was yet a coming, the demon dashed him down, and tare him grievously. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

B. Mark 1:26, And the unclean spirit, tearing him and crying with a loud voice came out of him.

X. Sometimes a demon also caused a person to behave in an antisocial manner.

A. Luke 8:27, 35, And when he was come forth upon the land, there met him a certain man out of the city, who had demons; and for a long time he had worn no clothes, and abode not in any house, but in the tombs. And they went out to see what had come to pass; and they came to Jesus, and found the man, from whom the demons were gone out, sitting, clothed, and in his right mind, at the feet of Jesus: and they were afraid.

XI. The method of Jesus and His disciples in casting out demons differed radically from the magical methods so often used in that time. Through His simple command Jesus expelled them.

A. Mark 1:25, And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

B. Mark 5:8, For he said unto him, come forth, thou unclean spirit, out of the man.

C. Mark 9:25, And when Jesus saw that a multitude came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I command thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

XII. His disciples simply added the authority of Christ's name to the command.

A. Luke 10:17, And the seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject unto us in thy name.

B. Acts 16:18, And this she did for many days. But Paul, being sore troubled, turned and said to the spirit, I charge thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And it came out that very hour.

1. Maid—spirit of divination—brought her masters much gain.

2. Paul and Silas are servants of the most holy God.

3. Master had them beaten! Is this justice?

XIII. Even some people who were not Christ's immediate followers invoked His power.

A. Luke 9:49, And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out demons in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us.

B. Acts 19:13, But certain also of the strolling Jews, exorcists, took upon them to name over them that had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

XIV. In some instances prayer was necessary before a demon could be cast out.

A. Mark 9:29, And he said unto them, This kind can come out by nothing, save by prayer.

B. By casting out demons, Jesus showed that the Kingdom of God—God's rule in the affairs of mankind—was a present reality. This was also a clear demonstration of his power over Satan and the demonic forces of sin and evil in the world.

Conclusion:

I. Jesus is interested in all areas of our health and well-being: viz.,

A. Physical Health.

B. Emotional Health.

C. Mental, Intellectual Health.

D. Spiritual Health.

E. Inter-personal Relationship Health.

F. Financial Health

G. Family Health.

H. Jesus wants us to be healthy in regard to ourselves, others, and to God.

II. Prevention is best. Healing is marvelous! We reap what we sow.

- A. Temperance, well-balanced living.
- B. Freedom from addictions.
- C. Safety on the highways.
- D. Adequate sleep, rest.
- E. Exercise, recreation.
- F. Proper nutrition.
- G. Wholesome thoughts.
- H. Prudent decisions.
- I. Safe environment.
- J. Friends who are positive influences in our lives.
- K. Freedom from guilt, hate and other negative emotions...
tensions, stress, anxieties.
- L. Good medical care.

III. Songs:

We Have Heard the Joyful Sound

We have heard the joyful sound;
Jesus heals! Jesus heals!
Spread the tidings all around;
Jesus heals! Jesus heals!
Bear the news to every land
Till the earth in homage kneels;
Onward! 'tis the Lord's command;
Jesus heals! Jesus heals!

Waft it on the rolling tide:
Jesus heals! Jesus heals!
Tell to nations far and wide;
Jesus heals! Jesus heals!
Sing ye islands of the sea,
Till mankind his glory feels,

Earth shall keep her jubilee;
Jesus heals! Jesus heals!

Give the winds a mighty voice;
Jesus heals! Jesus heals!
Let the nations now rejoice;
Jesus heals! Jesus heals!
Shout the tidings full and free,
Christ, His love to man reveals;
This our song of victory—
Jesus heals! Jesus heals!

He Healeth Me! O Blessed Thought

He healeth me! O blessed thought, O words with heavenly comfort
fraught;
What e'er I do, where'er I be, Still 'tis God's love that healeth me.

Lord, I would feel Thy life in mine, To thrill my soul with love divine,
To bind me closer still to Thee, Since 'tis Thy love that healeth me.

There Is a Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you can't sing like angels, If you can't preach like Paul,
Then tell the love of Jesus, And say He died for all.

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Questions

1. When Jesus and his _____ completed their _____ to the _____ of the _____ of _____ they were then in the country of the _____.

2. _____, the chief city of the area, was one of the ten cities composing what was called _____.

3. These ten cities were: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.

4. How many demoniacs did Jesus encounter on this occasion? _____ Give reasons for your answer. _____

5. Can people now become demon possessed? Why or why not? _____

6. The _____ with a loud voice cried out saying to Jesus, "What have we to do with you, thou _____ of _____? Have you come to _____ us before the _____?"

7. When the _____ saw Jesus at a _____ they ran to Jesus and _____ him _____ before him.

8. Apparently _____ alone will not save the _____. These demons were demons before and after they worshipped Jesus. _____ and _____ but continued in their _____.

9. A _____ of _____, _____ according to the _____, was sighted at a considerable distance from Jesus and the demoniacs.

10. The _____ begged Jesus not to send them out of the country; that is, in to the _____ (_____).

11. They asked to be allowed to enter the _____ of _____ which Mark says numbered some _____.

12. The demons entered the _____ of _____ and the _____ rushed down a _____ into the _____ of _____ and were _____.

13. All those living in _____, including the hog farmers who had lost their livestock, asked Jesus to go away! They let him know he was no longer _____ there! There is no scriptural record of Jesus ever having returned to Gadara. We had better be careful when we ask Jesus to leave.

14. _____ destroys! The hogs were dead. _____ saves. The men who had been demon possessed had been healed!

