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Lesson Five • Matthew 8:28-34

Fear or Faith?

Another Miracle, Another Lesson:

Jesus has authority over DEMONS.

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 1John 3:8 ESV

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. 1John 4:4 NIV

Fear or Faith?

1. The Demons Have Fear Because of Their BELIEF!

Two Men in the Grip of Evil:

And when He came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way.

Matthew 8:28 ESV

This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones. Mark 5:3-5 NIV

When Jesus stepped ashore, He was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs.

Luke 8:27 NIV

The Confrontation with the Demons (Matthew 8:28-32):

- The demons know who JESUS is.
- The demons know the final OUTCOME.
- The demons know the AUTHORITY of Jesus.

The Rejection by the Townspeople (Matthew 8:33-34):

- The townspeople were ANGRY at the loss of their pigs.
- The townspeople were SCARED of the power of Jesus.

2. We Often Have Fear Because of Our UNBELIEF!

Know Jesus, No Fear:

- We would have no reason to FEAR if we believed what these demons believed about Jesus.
- We are the most SECURE people in the world because we are in the hands of the One Who has all authority in the world.

Welcoming the Power of Jesus:

Jesus has the power to RESCUE us from sin and RESTORE us to new life in Him.

When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Mark 5:15 NIV

Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. Luke 8:35 ESV

COMMUNION:

A Reflection on Jesus' Sacrifice to Rescue Us from Sin and Restore Us to New Life

Followers of Jesus Christ are invited to participate in Communion located at the four tables throughout the auditorium. You may take the bread and cup back to your seat. The bread and juice represent the broken body and shed blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross and reminds us who our Lord is, what He has done for us, is doing for us, and will yet do for us when He returns. Come, Lord Jesus, come!