

**November 17, 2019**

## **Jesus' Authority Over Spirits**

### **Introduction**

(Luke 8:15,22-25)

Last Sunday, we saw how Jesus c\_\_\_\_\_ the storm on the Sea of Galilee. It was an opportunity for the disciples' faith in Him to be t\_\_\_\_\_. How will our faith in Jesus hold up in the midst of storms that arise in our lives?

### **Jesus' Authority Over Spirits**

(Luke 8:26-39)

The d\_\_\_\_\_ -possessed man had a "storm" brewing inside of him, and Jesus dealt with the demons as He did with the storm on the sea, with power and calm, showing His authority over all of His c\_\_\_\_\_. Note the various responses to Jesus:

- The many demons in the man begged for mercy from Jesus, and implored Him for p\_\_\_\_\_ to enter into the pigs.
- The people living in that region begged Jesus to leave them, out of fear and s\_\_\_\_\_.
- The healed man begged Jesus to allow him to accompany Him, because he wanted to be w\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

### **Jesus' Authority as the Son of God**

(1 Timothy 4:1; 1 Corinthians 10:19-20; Ephesians 6:10-13; 1John 4:1-4)

Jesus is God incarnate! As such, He not only wields authority over the physical world, but also over the spirit world. Our spiritual b\_\_\_\_\_ we face in this world are won in the spiritual realm. Thus, we need to walk by f\_\_\_\_\_ and not by sight, standing firm in our faith in Jesus. The Holy Spirit in us is greater than the spirits in the world. Thus, we should rely on the Holy Spirit's protection, guidance, and e\_\_\_\_\_.

## **Things to Ponder This Week**

Based on Luke 8:26-29, what was the demon-possessed man's response to Jesus' arrival onto the land from the boat? How did the demons inside the man address Jesus? What do we learn about the demon-possessed man from how the demons treated him? What do we learn about Jesus from how the demons responded to Him?

Based on Luke 8:30-33, what do we learn about the demons that were in the demon-possessed man? What was their request to Jesus? Why did they request this? What do we learn about Jesus from this passage?

Based on Luke 8:34-39, how did the owners of the pigs (not the herdsmen, but their bosses who were in the city) respond to Jesus? Why do you think they responded this way? What was the response of the man that was healed by Jesus? What did Jesus tell this man to do? Prayerfully consider how God has saved you. Take time to thank God for your salvation in Christ, and share your testimony of salvation with someone.

Next Sunday, we will look together at "Jesus' Authority Over Circumstances". Prayerfully read Luke 8:40-56, and consider what it must have been like for the sick woman and the parents of the sick girl to seek Jesus' help. What do we learn about Jesus from how He dealt with both?