



**In fear and amazement they asked one another,  
"Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water,  
and they obey him."  
Luke 8: 25**

**Luke 8: 26 - 39**





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They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, "Kherasa" (Gadara) which is across the lake from Galilee.







*Golan Heights*

**Gadara**

**Jordan Valley**

**Gadara and Environs**

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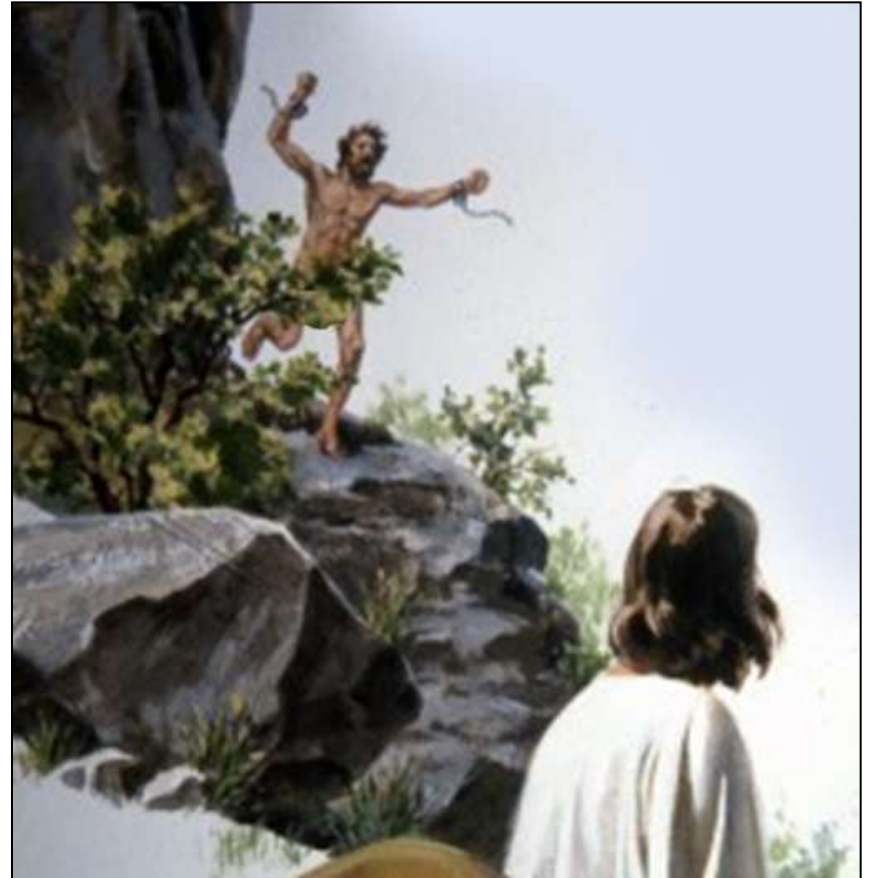


**When Jesus stepped ashore,**

# DARKNESS

he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town.

Matthew says there were 2 violent men



**Why did he come to meet the group?**



# Degradation, Isolation, Separation

For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs.



# WHAT A SAD STATE TO BE IN ! A PRISONER

**He is not mentally ill – he is demonised!**

**Different diagnosis – different treatment**



# DARKNESS DEFEATED

**When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" For Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man.**



**Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.**



**What does the name he gives say about his condition as a man and his personality?**



**A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into them, and he gave them permission.**



**Who and what are the demons afraid of that they want to enter the pigs?**

# What about the poor pigs ? Who killed the pigs?

When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.





**JESUS**

**IS**

**LORD OF ALL**

# DARKNESS DISPELLED



When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened.

**Would the people have come just to see the man?**



# The power of Jesus love -

Free as a human, at peace, clothed, right mind, in company



**When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured.**

**Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear.**



**What were they afraid of ? - conscience? loss?**





**So he got into the boat and left.**

# DARKNESS DISPELLED



**The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you."**

**Why didn't Jesus tell him to keep it quiet?**

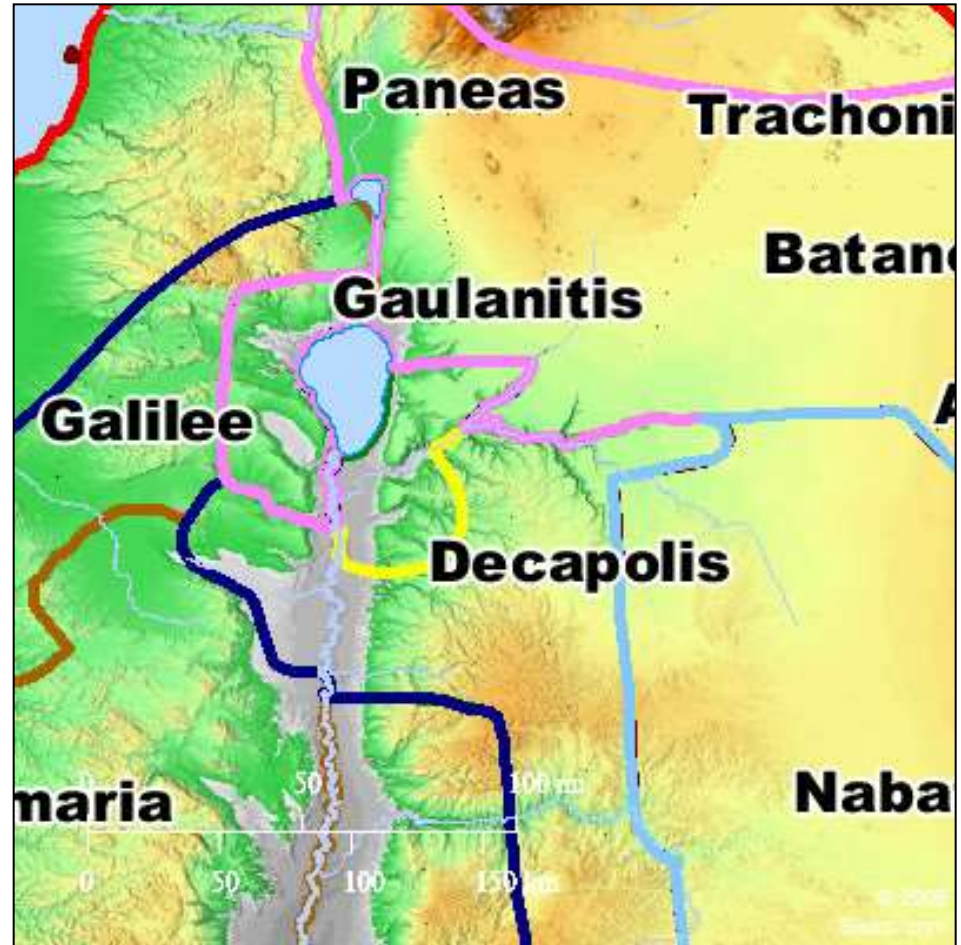




**The ruins of Scythopolis,  
one of the towns of the Decapolis**



# The ideal evangelist



So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.



**WHY DID JESUS  
GO THERE ?**

# **What we learn about the demonic world**

**It's real ( cf. Ephesians 6)**

**They recognize Jesus as Lord**

**They are afraid of abyss**

**They desire a physical means of expressing their evil**



# **What we learn about the natural world of people**

**They are concerned about their business**

**They are powerless to help the man**

**They are afraid of Jesus as Lord  
and the demands he may make**

# **What we learn about the Lord Jesus**

**He is Jesus the Lord of all**

**He commands and is obeyed**

**He sets men free and restores to “life”**

**He will not force himself on us**

**He uses the saved to reach the reluctant**