

Who Is This Man?

Matthew 8:28-34

I. The Clarity of His Name - 8:28-29

II. The Evidence of His Power - 8:30-32

“When He came to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were demon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs. They were so extremely violent that no one could pass by that way. And they cried out, saying, “What business do we have with each other, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?”

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III. The Reality of His Impact - 8:33-34

“Now there was a herd of many swine feeding at a distance from them. The demons began to entreat Him, saying, “If You are going to cast us out, send us into the herd of swine.” And He said to them, “Go!” And they came out and went into the swine, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the waters. The herdsmen ran away, and went to the city and reported everything, including what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they implored Him to leave their region.”

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Life Group Study Questions

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1. Have you ever charged into a situation only to be suddenly aware that someone in authority was present? How did that go?

2. The two demon possessed men are described as living amongst the tombs. How does this paint a realistic picture of Satan's agenda for people?

3. How does Matthew make it clear that these demons knew they were in the presence of God?

4. Why do the demons say, "are you here to torment us before the time?" What are they referring to?

5. The demons beg to be allowed to inhabit the pigs. How hard is it for Jesus to accomplish this transaction? What does this tell us about His authority?

6. This passage has many unanswered questions? Name a few of them? Why is it dangerous to try and answer them when God doesn't?

7. The people of the city ALL come out to see Jesus, but they also ALL reject Him. How does this moment educate us about our own response to Jesus? How does His righteousness and power become a threat to us?

8. How do we see the compassion of Christ displayed to those who have rejected Him? What does He tell the demoniac to do in Mark 5:19-20?

9. Pray for the response of your group to the power and authority of Christ this week.