

Galilean Ministry—The Gerasene Demoniacs (Winter 31/32)

Matthew 8:28–34	Mark 5:1–20	Luke 8:26–39
<p>28 When He came to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes,</p> <p>two men who were demon-possessed met Him</p> <p>as they were coming out of the tombs.</p> <p><i>They were so extremely violent that no one could pass by that way.</i></p> <p>29 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?”</p>	<p>1 They came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes.</p> <p>2 When He got out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him,</p> <p>3 and he had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one was able to bind him anymore, even with a chain;</p> <p>4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him.</p> <p>5 Constantly, night and day, he was screaming among the tombs and in the mountains, and gashing himself with stones.</p> <p>6 Seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him;</p> <p>7 and shouting with a loud voice, he said, “What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!”</p> <p>8 For He had been saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!”</p> <p>9 And He was asking him, “What is your name?”</p>	<p>26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.</p> <p>27 And when He came out onto the land, He was met by a man from the city who was possessed with demons; and who had not put on any clothing for a long time, and was not living in a house, but in the tombs.</p> <p>28 Seeing Jesus, he cried out and fell before Him, and said in a loud voice, “What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me.”</p> <p>29 For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had seized him many times; and he was bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard, and yet he would break his bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.</p> <p>30 And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”</p>

<p>30 Now there was a herd of many swine feeding at a distance from them.</p> <p>31 The demons <i>began</i> to entreat Him, saying, “If You <i>are going to</i> cast us out, send us into the herd of swine.”</p> <p>32 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.</p> <p>33 The herdsmen ran away, and went to the city and reported everything, including what had happened to the demoniacs.</p> <p>34 And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him,</p> <p>they</p> <p>implored Him to leave their region.</p>	<p>And he said to Him, “My name is Legion; for we are many.”</p> <p>10 And he <i>began</i> to implore Him earnestly not to send them out of the country.</p> <p>11 Now there was a large herd of swine feeding nearby on the mountain.</p> <p>12 <i>The demons</i> implored Him, saying, “Send us into the swine so that we may enter them.”</p> <p>13 Jesus gave them permission. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand <i>of them</i>; and they were drowned in the sea.</p> <p>14 Their herdsmen ran away and reported it in the city and in the country.</p> <p>And <i>the people</i> came to see what it was that had happened.</p> <p>15 They came to Jesus and observed the man who had been demon-possessed sitting down, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the “legion”; and they became frightened.</p> <p>16 Those who had seen it described to them how it had happened to the demon-possessed man, and <i>all</i> about the swine.</p> <p>17 And they</p> <p>began to implore Him to leave their region.</p>	<p>And he said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him.</p> <p>31 They were imploring Him not to command them to go away into the abyss.</p> <p>32 Now there was a herd of many swine feeding there on the mountain; and <i>the demons</i> implored Him to permit them to enter the swine. And He gave them permission.</p> <p>33 And the demons came out of the man and entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.</p> <p>34 When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they ran away and reported it in the city and <i>out</i> in the country.</p> <p>35 <i>The people</i> went out to see what had happened; and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting down at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they became frightened.</p> <p>36 Those who had seen it reported to them how the man who was demon-possessed had been made well.</p> <p>37 And all the people of the country of the Gerasenes and the surrounding district asked Him to leave them, for they were gripped with great fear;</p>
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