

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sermon: The Bondage Breaker

**Passage: Luke 8:26-39 (ESV)**

Illustration: The Exorcist, The Amityville Horror, The Conjuring, Paranormal Activity, The Omen...

Need: The deity of Jesus is witnessed by his power and authority over the demons.

**I. A demonic introduction (8:26-29)**

- Gerasenes (Gadarenes in Matt.) - Gentile region on the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee.
- This man (men in Matt.) was enslaved, tormented, controlled and dominated by evil spirits.
- The spirits know who Jesus is, what He has the authority to do, and what their ultimate end will be.

**II. A Divine release (8:30-36)**

- The demon says his name is Legion exposing that many demons possessed this man.
- "Abyss" means bottomless and is the place where God will ultimately judge satan.
- The herd of pigs (Mark 5:13 - about 2000) were not surprising in this Gentile region.
- The man was immediately released from his bondage and became an instant disciple of Jesus.

**III. A divided response (8:37-39)**

- Out of fear, the people of the region rejected Jesus and asked him to leave.
- The released man begged Jesus to let him join their mission.
- Instead, Jesus called him to remain and tell others what he had experienced, which he did obediently.

**IV. Our battle with the same enemy.**

- 1 Peter 5:8 - satan and his demonic hoard are constantly lurking, intent on human destruction.
- 1 John 5:19 - this world and all it has to offer lies in the power of the evil one.
- Col. 2:13-15 - Jesus has, by the cross, defeated the forces of evil.
- Eph. 6:10-13 - Believers are always engaged in spiritual warfare and have God's armor to stand.
- James 4:7 - daily victory demands we put on the armor, walk by faith, & actively resist his advances.
- Eph. 4:27 - pay attention to not give satan any open door or advantage in our lives.

**V. Marching Orders**

- Satan is still very much active in our generation & bondage is still his primary strategy.
- Jesus still gives freedom to those in bondage.
- Freed people have a message to share & a place to share it.