

**Series "Behold Your King"**  
**"Jesus And The Demons"**  
**Matthew 8:28-34**  
**Part-49**

All 3 gospels record this encounter, **Matthew 8:28-34; Luke 8:26-39; Mark 5:1-20**

**Ephesians 6:12**

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**We will look at 3 areas:**

1. Verse – 28 The Reality of Demons:
2. Verses – 29-32 The Power of Jesus:
3. Verses – 33-34 The Tragedy of Gadara:

**1. Verse – 28 The Reality of Demons:**

Matthew 8:26-27

(Numbers 32, Joshua 1)

**two men who were demon-possessed met Him** The gospel of **Matthew** says that there were two men from the tombs. **Mark** and **Luke** mention just one man.

**demon-possessed** We use the term "**Possessed.**" Occurs thirteen times in the New Testament, all in the Gospels The most accurate term would be "*Demonization or Demonized.*" It is *under the influence of one or more evil spirits.*

Matthew 8:16

The Bible does not teach that a Christian can be Demonized.

1 John 4:4

Matthew 12:43-45

1. **Physical problems** – Super strength, violent.
2. **Mental** - Insanity- Definitely the case here.
3. **Spiritual** - Corruption of the truth through false religion

Demonic Activity Is Associated with Death: as they were coming out of the tombs;

Ephesians 2:1-3

**Demonic Activity Is Associated with Physical problems - they were so exceedingly violent** We see this man was literally "*a violent or beyond description savage*"

**Luke 8:27**

**The Evidence of Demonic activity is being unclean: Luke 8:29**

**unclean spirit** – speaks of *moral and physical uncleanness, involved in vices, things that the Bible speaks clearly against.*

Mark 5:5

Self is Powerless: gashing himself with stones.

Suicidal Tendencies:

## **2. Verses – 29-32 The Power of Jesus:**

Presence of Jesus Stirs People up: And behold, they cried out,  
Matthew 10:34-36

Three Things The Demons Teach us:

1. The Demons Acknowledge Jesus as God's Son:

Matthew 8:27

James 2:19

2. The Demons Acknowledge Jesus as the Ultimate Judge: Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

Revelation 20:10

False views of judgment:

1. There will be no final judgment: Genesis 3:4

2. If there is a final judgment I will be spared:  
2 Corinthians 5:10

3. I have not done anything serious enough to merit judgment. Romans 3:23

4. If I have earned judgment God is to kind to allow me to be punished: Romans 6:23

5. If I am sent to judgment the place is really quite pleasant:

Mark 5:9

Leviticus 11:7

3. The Demons Believe Jesus Has Ultimate Authority: "If You are going to cast us out, send us into the herd of swine."

Mark 5:13

### **3. Verses – 33-34 The Tragedy of Gadara:**

The Bottom-line: The value of the materialism of the world verses the kingdom of heaven.

Mark 5:15

The destruction of Babylon (The Economic World System)

Revelation 18:11-13

Genesis 6:3 Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever,

Mark 5:18-20

### **Application:**

**The miracles were "Sermons in Action."** The miracles were living illustrations of a spiritual truth.

1. We are no match for Satan.
2. When we follow Satan it always leads to death.
3. No matter how great our sin, or condition, God's forgiveness is greater still!
4. We must choose whom we will follow! If we send Jesus away He will go!