# Sitting at the Feet of Jesus

Hope for the Hopeless Luke 8:26-38

#### Luke 8:26-27

They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs.

#### Luke 8:28-29

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 impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

#### Matthew 12:43-45

"When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation."

## Luke 8:30 Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion", he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

1. Demons knew and recognized Jesus and needed to submit to him.

2. They actually didn't know what God's plan and Jesus' agenda was.

## Abyss = Bottomless pit/ Confinement place for evil spirits.

#### Luke 8:32-33

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

#### Luke 8:35-37

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. So he got into the boat and left.

#### Luke 8:38-39

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

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

### Phoboi megaloi syneichonto

Phoboi- Fear of

Megaloi- Mega/ Great

Syneichonto- To hold prisoner, surround, to oppress



## There is always Hope





