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Supremacy of Christ

Luke 8:26-39

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

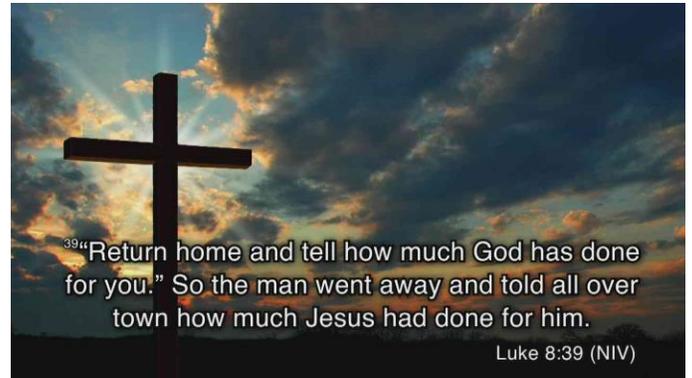
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will take a look at a section of Luke chapter 8. This passage is both intriguing to us and reassuring at the same time. Jesus is Lord of all creation and in this passage we see His authority over the evil spirits of this world. The Bible talks a good amount about evil spirits that torment this world. There is no reason for us not to believe that they are still here. However Jesus gives us some comforting revelations from this passage. Jesus has authority over all things, on earth as well as in Heaven. And even the evil spirits that torment this world are subject to Him. Therefore we can be comforted by the knowledge that we worship the Lord of all creation.

Healing of a Demoniac

²⁶ So they sailed over to the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As Jesus stepped ashore, a certain man from the town met him who was possessed by demons. For a long time this man had worn no clothes and had not lived in a house, but among the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before him, and shouted with a loud voice, "Leave me alone, Jesus, Son of the Most High God! I beg you, do not torment me!" ²⁹ For Jesus had started commanding the evil spirit to come out of the man. (For it had seized him many times, so he would be bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard. But he would break the restraints and be driven by the demon into deserted places.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. ³¹ And they began to beg him not to order them to depart into the abyss. ³² Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and the demonic spirits begged Jesus to let them go into them. He gave them

permission. ³³ So the demons came out of the man and went into the pigs, and the herd of pigs rushed down the steep slope into the lake and drowned. ³⁴ When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they ran off and spread the news in the town and countryside. ³⁵ So the people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus. They found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the man who had been demon-possessed had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the Gerasenes and the surrounding region asked Jesus to leave them alone, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and left. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare what God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole town what Jesus had done for him.

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 **EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

8. How much control did the demons have over the man?

9. How did the demons react to seeing Jesus?

10. What did the demons fear Jesus would do?

11. Why did the people ask Jesus to leave? How does this contrast with the man that was demon possessed?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

12. Do you think there are still demon possessions today?

13. In the passage Jesus demonstrates His authority over evil. Is there evil today that Jesus does not have authority over?

14. In light of this passage, how should we approach evil in this World?

15. In what areas of life do you need to be reminded of Jesus' authority?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES