Sermon Guide

Luke 8:22-39



▶ In Luke 8:22-39, Jesus and the disciples find themselves in the midst of a fierce storm on the Sea of Galilee and facing a demon-possessed man in Gerasenes. Jesus calms the storm and delivers the man from a "legion" (equivalent to 6,000 soldiers) of demons. What storms or battles are you facing today? How has Jesus calmed the storms or

delivered you from your battles in the past?

Read Luke 8:22-39

- 1. Compare Luke 8:22-25 with <u>Psalm 107:23-32</u>. Who has authority over the sea in both accounts? How would you answer the disciples' query in v. 25?
- 2. How does Jesus treat the demon-possessed man differently than the way others have?
- 3. How do the pig farmers and the townspeople respond to the healing of the demonpossessed man? Why are they afraid?
- 4. Usually doing the opposite, why does Jesus tell this man to tell others what has happened?



Where in your life do you need more faith that God is in control?

▶ When you first met Jesus, how did he treat you? How was this different from the way others treated you? How can you treat others, especially those cast off by the rest of society, the way Jesus treated people (such as the demon-possessed man)?

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Spend some time worshipping and glorifying God and declaring his authority over all creation, "that you may know...what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all" (Eph 1:18-23).