

JESUS AND THE DEMONIAIC

Luke 8:26-39

WHAT ARE DEMONS?

- 1) They are _____ beings; they do not have physical bodies.
- 2) They are sinful and _____; demons are fallen _____ who rebelled and left their proper domain (Jude 6)
- 3) They are led by _____; often actions that we ascribe to Satan may be the actions of one of his demons
- 4) They work to _____ the people of God: Ephesians 6 describes them as a spirit army following Satan
- 5) They are under judgment and _____; the NT teaches that they are “chained” awaiting final judgment

I. THE CONDITION OF THE DEMONIZED MAN

Matthew uses the word “demon-possessed” to describe this man; a better translation is _____

- A. Demons destroy the _____ of those they demonize
 - 1) On the social level: he wore no _____; he lived among tombs; he was “fierce” & let no one pass
 - 2) On the physical level: he cut himself; he _____ people; he could not be bound with chains
- B. Demons can _____ through those they demonize
 - 1) This man tried to speak for himself—“I, me, my” but the _____ took control of his speech—“us”
 - 2) The demons said, “You don’t have anything to do with us; we don’t want anything to do with _____.”
- C. More than _____ demon can demonize an individual

II. THE CONFRONTATION WITH THE LORD JESUS

- A. These demons understood _____ Jesus is
This account is one of the miracles that convinced the disciples that Jesus is the Son of God, but the demons needed no convincing: they already knew, believed and confessed that Jesus is _____
- B. These demons sought to evade the _____ of Jesus
Even when faced directly with the authority of Jesus, these demons remained _____
- C. These demons did not want to be _____ before their time
 - 1) According to v. 31, these demons begged Jesus not to order them into the _____ --the lake of fire
 - 2) These unclean spirits beg Jesus to permit them to enter unclean animals, a herd of _____ nearby
 - 3) Jesus gave His permission and they immediately showed their nature again: they _____ the pigs
 - 4) Did Jesus _____ them? When they destroyed the pigs, were they also destroyed in the abyss?

III. THE CONTROL OF THE LORD JESUS OVER DEMONS

- A. The Bible contains no evidence that any person was ever able to control demons before _____
That is why the gospels indicate that the people were _____ that the demons obeyed Jesus
- B. Jesus once and for all triumphed over Satan and demons by His death and _____
 - 1) In the gospels Jesus spoke of _____ the strong man so the He could plunder his household
 - 2) After His resurrection, the NT pictures Jesus’ triumph over Satan in terms of Jesus _____ Satan
- C. Jesus’ triumph over Satan/demons is complete and since we are united to Christ, His victory is _____
 - 1) Satan is disarmed and defeated but he will try to _____ as many souls with him as he can
 - 2) Christ has given us the whole armor of God to defeat Satan: if we will _____ Satan, he will flee