

Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:1-17 and Luke 8:26-36

Singing: 400:1-3 – 123:1 – 266:1-3 – 60:1-2 – 89:1-3

WHO IS JESUS?

1) HE IS GOD 2) HE IS GOOD 3) HE IS GIVING

I. JESUS IS GOD

- A. The country of the Gadarenes was held in terror (vs. 26-27)
- B. One day Jesus entered the kingdom-country of the devil (vs. 28)
1. He is immediately faced by a devil-possessed man
 2. Yet instead of scaring Jesus away, the devil became a beggar: why?
 - a. because he was afraid of Lord Jesus
 - b. because he was afraid of the future (Matt 8:29)
- C. What did Jesus do to defeat this horde of demons? (32b)
- D. What does this tell you about the Lord Jesus: *He is Almighty God!*
1. That is a comforting truth if you are on His side
 2. That means He is the King Whom we also should obey
 3. That means He is the only One that can change your heart

II. JESUS IS GOOD

- A. Now the shepherds were terrified and flee in great fear from Jesus
1. What made them so fearful? (34-35)
 2. Why did they plead Jesus to leave them? (36-37)
- B. Was or is it necessary to be afraid of Jesus?
1. Did Jesus come to destroy or save their lives?
 2. Is Jesus evil or good?
- C. Still Jesus did leave the country (37b)
1. Why did He leave them?
 2. Why did Jesus not allow the healed man to join Him? (38-39)

III. JESUS IS GIVING

- A. Devil mostly tells lies: *his worst lies are about God!*

1. Remember story of Adam/Eve (Gen. 3)

a. the devil lied about God: *He doesn't want you to be happy!*

b. when Adam/Eve believed (or obeyed) Satan, they lost all happiness

2. Satan still lies: *turns wonder-full stories into scare stories!* (34-35)

B. Jesus is good because He is giving!

1. If He becomes your Lord and Savior, you will have real freedom!

2. If He is your Lord and Savior, you will have peace in your heart!

3. If He is your Lord and Savior, you will have a new life with real joy!

Take Along:

A. We all need deliverance: *we are born in bondage to power of sin/Satan!*

B. We all need the Lord Jesus:

1. Only His power can truly change us

2. Only He can take away (take over!) our guilt we owe to God

**O! Who can give the blind their sight, and make the simple wise?
And pour a flood of holy light on nature's darkened eyes?**

**O! Who can give the heart relief, the sinking spirits raise?
And change the heavy sigh of grief to songs of joy and praise?**

**It is Jesus! He gives the blind their sight and makes the simple wise.
And pours a flood of holy light on nature's darkened eyes.**