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**26** They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. **27** 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.

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**“Demons, Satan’s messengers, are powerful and destructive. Still active today, they attempt to distort and destroy people’s relationship with God. Demons and demon-possession are real... Demons are powerless against those who trust in Jesus. If we resist the devil, he will leave us alone.”**

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## **James 4:7**

**Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

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**Luke 8:28-29**

**28** 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!” **29** For Jesus had commanded the evil 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.

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## Mark 1:23-26

**23** Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, **24** “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God!” **25** “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” **26** The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

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## **James 2:19**

**You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that — and shudder.**

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## Luke 8:30-33

**30** Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” “Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. **31** And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.



**32** 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. **33** 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 was drowned.

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**“Though Jesus seemingly consented to the demons request, the pigs carried the demons into the depths of the sea - perhaps symbolic of the Abyss.”**

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Luke 8:34-37

**34** When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, **35** and the people went out to see what had happened. 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.

**36** Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. **37** 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.

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**“The local people do not care for Jesus’ work... Their fear has turned into rejection and a desire to have nothing more to do with the presence of divine authority.”**

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## **Luke 8:38-39**

**38** The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying,

**39** “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.

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**“The healed man wants to join Jesus’ traveling group of disciples, but Jesus has another calling in mind. Someone must be left behind to share what God has done in the area. This is the man’s task. He does that and more, preaching and proclaiming what Jesus has done for him.”**

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# **Main Point**

**Jesus has power and  
authority over Satan  
and evil.**



# Application

**Jesus can defeat  
whatever “demons” you  
have in your life.**

# Final Thoughts

**“Many fear divine accountability, preferring to be left on their own and to fend for themselves. They regard Christianity as a crutch... Perhaps the biggest tragedy of all is to see God at work and pretend nothing has really happened.”**

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## Genesis 3:1

**Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say...**

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## Ephesians 2:1-4

**1** As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, **2** in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

**3** All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. **4** But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, **5** made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved

# Final Thoughts

## Ephesians 6:10-18

**10** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **11** Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. **12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

**13** Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. **14** Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, **15** and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

**16** In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. **17** Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. **18** And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.