

The Miracles of Jesus
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Miracle: "A Happening with Which Human Reasoning Has Yet To Catch Up."

-Dr. William Augustus Jones

Miracle #13 – Jesus Casts Demons into a Herd of Pigs

Matthew 8:28-33; Mark 5:1-20; **Luke 8:26-39**

- **Luke 8:26-30**

These demons recognized Jesus and His authority immediately. They knew who He was and what His great power could do to them. Devils or demons are satan's messengers who are powerful and destructive. They attempt to distort and destroy man's relationship with God. However, they are defeated and powerless against believers who trust in Jesus.

- **James 4:7**

Symptoms of This Man's demon Possession

- Disregard for Personal Dignity (nakedness – Luke 8:27)
- Withdrawal from Society (Luke 8:27)
- Disregard for Normal Comforts (Lived in the Cemetery – Luke 8:27)
- Violence Against Others (Luke 8:29)
- Unusual Physical Strength (Luke 8:29)
- Self-Mutilation (Mark 5:5)

His name was "**Legion**" which means "**many devils.**"

Names of demons/Evil Spirits

The demon of "**selfishness**" with its carnal greed.

The demon of "**hatred**" with its hostile effects

The demon of "**fear**" with its paralyzing influence.

The demon of "**indifference**" with its defying laziness.

The demon of "**jealousy**" with its burning resentment.

The demon of "**lying**" with its deceitful tongue.

The demon of "**self-righteousness**" with its hypocritical projections.

The demon of "**gossip**" with its poisonous venom.

The demon of "**the love of money**" which is the root of all evil.

These are demons that make us crave alcohol and drugs. Demons that encourage the exploitation of sexual lusts. Demons that won't let us break a bad habit that we know is slowly destroying us. Demons that won't let us do what we know is right.

Evil Spirit Versus the Holy Spirit

An evil spirit is a negative force - - - The Holy Spirit is a positive force.
An evil spirit is a wicked force - - - The Holy Spirit is a righteous force.
An evil spirit is a destructive force - - - The Holy Spirit is a constructive force.
An evil spirit tears down - - - The Holy Spirit builds up.

- **Luke 8:31-33**

The demons acknowledged the sovereignty of God. They begged Jesus to let them enter a nearby herd of pigs. Jesus permitted them to do so, and the pigs ran into the sea and drowned.

- **Luke 8:34-39**

The man, who had been delivered from his demons, was fully restored and was later seen sitting at the feet of Jesus. The people, upon seeing him, told others. Others came to the area to find out what had happened. They were so terrified by the supernatural events that they begged Jesus to leave their territory. Why would they ask Jesus to leave? Couldn't they see what the powerful healing of Jesus might mean to them and their families?

The man Jesus had restored wanted to go with Jesus. Instead, Jesus sent him to his "own house" to "tell what great things God has done for him."

This is our mission – the message of the 13th Miracle – tell others; our family and friends what the Lord has done for us.

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