

Catechism Lesson for Adults and Teens
6th Sunday of Luke
Healing of the Demon Possessed

Read the Gospel Passage. Luke 8:26-39

Contextual Background:

-Demons are fallen angels. We know that the angels are strong and wise. It's no surprise that they were able to recognize who Jesus was and address Him: Son of the Most High God

-Jesus' mere presence bothers the demons in these stories. His Name and Cross has power, and in any time we feel afflicted or in spiritual warfare, we can do our cross, pray in His name, and find protection/comfort in Jesus.

-A legion refers to 100 in Latin, to the 100 troops that made up a Roman battalion. A Roman Legion was a powerful force, and the demons take on this name showing that they are many and to try and scare others

-Pigs were considered unclean back then, and even dealing in pork was forbidden at that time and place; pigs were considered "garbage disposals". When Jesus cast out the demons from the poor soul and permitted the demons to take over the herd of swine, the people of that area were upset because Jesus upset their business of dealing in pork, which was against the law, and asked Jesus to leave because of this upheaval

Discussion Questions:

1. When the demons saw Christ approach the demoniac, how did they respond to Jesus' presence? (MULTIPLE CHOICE)
 - a. They didn't really care
 - b. They laughed
 - c. They tried to scare everyone
 - d. They were afraid

2. How did the people of the town respond to Jesus casting out the demons? (MULTIPLE CHOICE)
 - a. They rejoiced over this good deed
 - b. They asked Jesus to leave
 - c. They were skeptical it had even happened
 - d. They repented and changed their lives around

3. After the man was healed/exorcised, what did he want to do? (MULTIPLE CHOICE)
 - a. Follow Jesus
 - b. Tell everyone what had happened to him
 - c. He was afraid and ran away from Jesus and his home
 - d. He was ungrateful and returned to his normal life

4. This man possessed by demons was an outcast that nobody wanted to deal with. Who are those outcast in our society and how might we reach them? (DISCUSSION)

5. The man possessed had no control over his body, his own voice. God wants us to be free and to freely love Him. What gets in the way of our freedom? What habits might we find powerless to? (DISCUSSION)

6. Jesus does an incredible thing in liberating this man from the enslavement of demons. What great things have you seen Jesus do for you or for others in your life? (DISCUSSION)

7. The man who was liberated from the demons wanted to thank Jesus by following Him and serving Him, and Jesus told him to spread his story to others, to know how good God is.
 - a. What ways are we able to give thanks to God for the good He has done for us? (DISCUSSION)

 - b. What stories can you share to others of how God has touched your life? (DISCUSSION)

8. The people in the city felt like Jesus interrupted their lives for casting out the demons.
 - a. Have you ever felt like God interrupted your life? (DISCUSSION)

 - b. How do you or in what ways can we reconnect with God? (DISCUSSION)