


Jesus' Power over Nature and the Demonic


Luke 8:22 - 39

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Jesus' Power and Authority


- Over nature Luke 8:22 – 25
- Over the demonic Luke 8:25 – 39
- Over sickness Luke 8:40 – 48
- Over death Luke 8:49 – 56



Danger at Sea

- **Luke 8:22, 33**


Now on one of those days Jesus and His disciples got into a boat, and He said to them, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they launched out. But as they were sailing along He fell asleep; and a fierce gale of wind descended on the lake, and they began to be swamped and to be in danger.



Jesus rebukes the wind and waves

■ **Luke 8:24**


They came to Jesus and woke Him up, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And He got up and rebuked the wind and the surging waves, and they stopped, and it became calm.



The disciple's faith is still weak


■ **Luke 8:25**

And He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were fearful and amazed, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him?"



God commands the sea


- Psalm 65:7
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A journey to Gentile territory

- **Luke 8:26, 27**


Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He came out onto the land, He was met by a man from the city who was possessed with demons; and who had not put on any clothing for a long time, and was not living in a house, but in the tombs.



The demon knows he faces One with absolute power

- **Luke 8:28**


Seeing Jesus, he cried out and fell before Him, and said in a loud voice, "What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me."



The man is in a catastrophic condition


- **Luke 8:29**

For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had seized him many times; and he was bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard, and yet he would break his bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.

 They recognize Jesus' authority


■ **Luke 8:30, 31**

And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They were imploring Him not to command them to go away into the abyss.

 Demons drive the swine to their death


■ **Luke 8:32, 33**

Now there was a herd of many swine feeding there on the mountain; and the demons implored Him to permit them to enter the swine. And He gave them permission. And the demons came out of the man and entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

 Objective evidence of Jesus' power


■ **Luke 8:34, 35**

When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they ran away and reported it in the city and out in the country. The people went out to see what had happened; and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting down at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they became frightened.

 The man was “saved” in the comprehensive sense of the term


■ **Luke 8:36**

Those who had seen it reported to them how the man who was demon-possessed had been made well.

 They do not respond in faith, but fear and reject Jesus


■ **Luke 8:37**

And all the people of the country of the Gerasenes and the surrounding district asked Him to leave them, for they were gripped with great fear; and He got into a boat and returned.


 He “narrates” the mighty works of God

■ **Luke 8:38, 39**


But the man from whom the demons had gone out was begging Him that he might accompany Him; but He sent him away, saying, “Return to your house and describe what great things God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

 **A miraculous transformation**

Many demons (v27) – demons gone (v35)
No clothes (v27 – clothed (v35)
Lived among tombs (v27) – “return home” (v39)
Fell down, shouted (v28) – sat at His feet (vs35)
Out of control (v29) – in his right mind (v35)

 **Applications and Implications**

- 1) Because we are the Lord's, we need not fear even in dire situations
- 2) Signs and wonders do not produce faith
- 3) God will save anyone who comes to Him on His terms; regardless of their situation

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■ **Romans 8:35, 37**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

1) Because we are the Lord's, we need not fear even in dire situations

■ **Romans 8:38, 39**

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2) Signs and wonders do not produce faith

■ **John 12:37**

But though He had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in Him;


■ **Romans 10:17**

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

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
■ **Romans 10:13**

"Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

 3) God will save anyone who comes to Him on His terms; regardless of their situation

■ **John 6:36, 37**

But I said to you, that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

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■ **2Timothy 2:25b, 26**

. . . perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

