



# ALL SHALL BOW

a church in the World

## ABSTRACT

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## Passage

Mark 5:1 – 13, Matt 8:28 – 32, Luke 8:26 – 33

## Notes

### Luke

- Sailed to the Gerasenes. Opposite of Galilee
- Demon-possessed man met Jesus.
- **Naked** and living in the tombs
- Fell down before Jesus
- Cried out in loud voice when seeing Jesus, saying “What do you have to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torment me!”
- Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of him.
- The man had been able to snap any chains and shackles that had bound him.
- Jesus asked the man his name.
- The man said “Legion” because there were many.
- The demons begged Jesus not to **throw them into the abyss** (an angel does not have the power to do this).
- Demons begged Jesus to let them enter the pigs that were nearby.
- Jesus gave them permission
- Demons entered the pigs and the pigs rushed into the lake and drowned.

### Mark

- Sailed to the Gerasenes. **Other side of the sea.**
- Demon-possessed man met Jesus.
- Living in the tombs
- **Ran to Jesus**
- Fell down before Jesus
- Cried out in loud voice when seeing Jesus, saying “What do you have to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torment me!”
- Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of him.
- The man had been able to snap any chains and shackles that had bound him.
- **No one strong enough to subdue him**
- **Always crying out and cutting himself with stones.**
- Jesus asked the man his name.
- The man said “Legion” because there were many.
- The demons begged Jesus not to send **them out of the region.**
- Demons begged Jesus to let them enter the pigs that were nearby.
- Jesus gave them permission
- **There were 2000 pigs.**
- Demons entered the pigs, and the pigs rushed into the lake and drowned.

## Matthew

- Sailed to the Gadarenes. Other side of the sea.
- Two demon-possessed men met Jesus.
- So violent, no one could pass their way.
- Cried out in loud voice when seeing Jesus, saying “What do you have to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?”
- Demons begged Jesus to let them enter the pigs that were nearby.
- Jesus gave them permission
- Demons entered the pigs and the pigs rushed into the lake and drowned.

## Scripture of the Day

Philippians 2:9 – 11

*<sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

## Greeting

Welcome to a church in the World where we strive to coach everyone on what God means in His Word and the joy of living that out, no matter how difficult it may be.

## Announcements

We will be having Communion today (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month), so if you haven't already done so, please get some bread and wine/juice, so you can celebrate with us later during the worship service.

## Introduction

Last week, we saw Jesus's total command over nature while they were crossing the Sea of Galilee in a storm. We talked about how the disciples still were not at the point where they really saw Jesus as God—the One who is in total control of everything.

Once He calmed the sea, they could proceed to the other side of the sea. As soon as they landed, a different sort of tempest ensued—not of the natural variety but of the supernatural. Here again, Jesus shows that “All Shall Bow.”

Let us Pray ...

## Body

### Mark 5:1 – 13

<sup>35</sup> They came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>2</sup> As soon as he got out of the boat, a man with an unclean spirit came out of the tombs and met him. <sup>3</sup> He lived in the tombs, and no one was able to restrain him anymore—not even with a chain— <sup>4</sup> because he often had been bound with shackles and chains, but had torn the chains apart and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him. <sup>5</sup> Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains, he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones.

<sup>6</sup> When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and knelt down before him. <sup>7</sup> And he cried out with a loud voice, “What do you have to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you before God, don’t torment me!” <sup>8</sup> For he had told him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!”

<sup>9</sup> “What is your name?” he asked him.

“My name is Legion,” he answered him, “because we are many.” <sup>10</sup> And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the region.

<sup>11</sup> A large herd of pigs was there, feeding on the hillside. <sup>12</sup> The demons<sup>[b]</sup> begged him, “Send us to the pigs, so that we may enter them.” <sup>13</sup> So he gave them permission, and the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs. The herd of about two thousand rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned there.

## The Power of the Demoniatic

Let us start right away by getting a picture of this man who comes to Jesus. I will be using all of the accounts to give us a full picture:

- No one can subdue him (Mark)
- The man could snap any chains and shackles that had bound him. (Mark & Luke)
- So violent, no one could pass their way (Matthew)

## Not Just a Demon

We know that an angel has more power than a human. And we must remember that a demon is a fallen angel. Now the strength of this possessed human is even greater, because as mentioned in Mark and Luke there are many fallen angels in this man.

We have heard Jesus talk about how this could happen early in our following of Jesus. Let’s go back chronologically to Matthew 12 (quick note: the chapters in the gospels are not always chronological. For example, Matthew 8 happens after Matthew 12).

## Matthew 12:43 – 45

*43 “When an unclean spirit comes out of a person, it roams through waterless places looking for rest but doesn’t find any. 44 Then it says, ‘I’ll go back to my house that I came from.’ Returning, it finds the house vacant, swept, and put in order. 45 Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and settle down there. As a result, that person’s last condition is worse than the first. That’s how it will also be with this evil generation.”*

BE LED ...

## There is Power and Then There is OMNIPOTENT Power

That man with a legion of demons is powerful, but this is not the movies. I don't know how everything is in other countries, but in the United states they love having movies that show that demons and Satan can battle God almost on an even footing. And there is a question as to who is going to win.

I want us to go back and take a look at what happened when all of these demons came up against Jesus:

## Mark 5:6 – 8

*6 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and knelt down before him. 7 And he cried out with a loud voice, “What do you have to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you before God, don’t torment me!” 8 For he had told him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!”*

## Luke 8:28 – 29a

*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 impure spirit to come out of the man.*

Does this look like a fight between peers?

I would say not.

Do you notice the crying out? As in pain because Jesus told them to come out of the man.

Did you notice the falling at the feet of Jesus? All shall bow. Whether you worship Jesus or not, you must bow.

There is a distinct difference between being powerful and being Omnipotent:

### adjective

1. Having unlimited or universal power, authority, or force; all-powerful.
2. Able in every respect and for every work; unlimited in ability; all-powerful; almighty

### noun

1. One having unlimited power or authority

And this doesn't just go for some demons, but all demons, even Satan:

### **Job 1:8 – 12**

*<sup>8</sup> Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? No one else on earth is like him, a man of perfect integrity, who fears God and turns away from evil."*

*<sup>9</sup> Satan answered the Lord, "Does Job fear God for nothing? <sup>10</sup> Haven't you placed a hedge around him, his household, and everything he owns? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. <sup>11</sup> But stretch out your hand and strike everything he owns, and he will surely curse you to your face."*

*<sup>12</sup> "Very well," the Lord told Satan, "everything he owns is in your power. However, do not lay a hand on Job himself." So Satan left the Lord's presence.*

BE LED ...

## **Take Aways**

### **All Shall Bow**

Our Scripture for the Day is so appropriate right now, so I am going to show it again, with a couple more verses:

### **Philippians 2:5 – 11**

*<sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

### **Communion**

By His death, He brought life to us all.

### **As Jesus said in Matthew 26:26 – 28**

*<sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."*

*<sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup> This is my blood of the<sup>[a]</sup> covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

... and by His sacrifice the Father glorified Jesus with all power ...

### **John 13:31**

*<sup>31</sup> Therefore when he had left, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him*

So today, we celebrate the victory over death that Jesus did for God's glory and our salvation. So let us do what our Lord told us to do in remembrance of Him.

He took the bread and broke it, symbolizing His broken body and eat it in remembrance of Him. Let us take and eat. He took the cup with wine, symbolizing His blood, the cleansing blood for the sins of the world, He said drink it, for it represents the blood of the New Covenant between God and man for the forgiveness of all sins, past, present, and future.

## It is Finished

As Jesus said on the cross, it is finished. The work has been completed, and Jesus now has all power and authority. We should always remember what He said to His disciples after His resurrection in the Book of Matthew:

### **Matthew 28:18-20**

*<sup>18</sup> Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth.*

Not some power. Not more power. Not most of the power, but all power.

Omnipotent!

All shall bow down at the feet of our Savior. Praise be to God! Amen!