

They Met the Master – The Man with Many Demons (Luke 9:26-39)

1. Luke 8:26-39

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT #1: THE <u>ANTAGONISTIC</u> REALITY OF <u>DEMONS</u>

- 3. Simple observations about demons from this passage (***I'd like the following to come up one at a time please as I read them.)
 - Demons can possess people and apparently animals.
 - Demonic possession happens as an internal action... "gone into him", "went into the pigs"...
 - Multiple demons can possess the same person, (7 Demons out of Mary Magdalene in Luke 8:2)
 - Demonic activity inhibits rightful, sound thinking. And assumedly can control one's mind completely.
 - Demons can speak.
 - Demons can grant some degree of super-human strength.
 - Demons drive people into isolation.
 - Those under demonic influence are prone to episodic moments of violence/aggression/self-harm. (It seized him many times)
 - Demons have a great association with death. Legion was more at home amongst the dead than the living.
 - Demons have some degree of autonomous thinking. They are not just robots.
 - People under demonic influence display self-destructive behavior. In Mark, it says he would cry out night and day and cut himself with stones.
 - Demons know who Jesus is.

4. Eph. 6:12

- 5. The term *demon-possession* describes a condition in which a distinct and evil personality, foreign to the person possessed, has taken control of an individual.
 - 6. Israeli Mole Viper Picture (Attached)
 - 7. Decapolis Pictures (Attached, multiple slides)
 - 8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT #2: THE <u>AUTHORITATIVE</u> LORDSHIP OF <u>JESUS</u>
 - 9. Eph. 1:21-22

10. Col. 2:15 11. Gal. 5:1 12. James 4:7-8

13. Mark 5:18-20 14. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT #3: THE <u>ACTIVATED</u> PURPOSE OF <u>THE DELIVERED SOUL</u>

15.Rom. 6:19-22