



## A Man with Many Demons      Luke 8:26-39

### Something to Start Us Off

- Some people tend to have an unhealthy interest in the supernatural (angels and demons, magic, the occult, etc.). Others are more likely to ignore the spiritual realm altogether, preferring a “natural” or secular explanation for everything.
- Where would you say you fall on that continuum? Has that changed over time?

### Something to Notice

- Take a look at Luke’s description of the man in v.27 & 29. What does he say about him?
- How does he appear after the incident in v.34?
- Where does he go and what does he do when it is all over (v.39)?

### Something to Understand

In v.27 the man is literally described as “having demons.” In v.36 he is said to be “demonized.” (The Greek dictionary form is *daimonizomai*.) Our traditional term of saying someone is “demon-possessed” is not exactly precise biblical language, though it might seem appropriate in this case.

A Roman *legion*, as in v.30, could be as many as 5000 soldiers.

- In v.28 it is hard to tell who is speaking, a demon or the man himself. What does this tell us about the man’s condition?
- The man really wants to go with Jesus and follow him (v.38). What do you suppose the man is thinking at this point?
- And what about the people from the neighboring city and countryside (8:34-37)? Why do you think they respond the way that they do?

### Something to Take Home

- James 4:1-8 is a good passage to turn to when dealing with our own internal spiritual battles. Let’s read that together before we go.
- Is there anything else from this look at Luke 8:26-39 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?