

August 9, 2020
Christ Chapel Of Bandera
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Not needed to follow this writing/lesson is a referenced Study Guide. An attempt has been made where anybody with a Bible will find easy reading.

Sunday August 9, 2020. The Gospel Project; Adult Daily Discipleship Guide ESV
Volume 8; Number 4; Summer 2020; Session 3; “Jesus Casts Out Demons”.

Opening Joke:

How do 2 psychiatrists greet each other? Your OK! How am I?

Disclaimer:

I am not seminary trained. Other than being a Christian, I do not claim any special relationship with God. Therefore, feel free to disagree with anything and everything I write/say.

Opening Prayer:

In class: Ask an attendee to open with a word of prayer.

On WEB site: Lord Father Almighty, let me become small so that you may increase. Let words true to Your meaning be presented according to Your will, making a difference in people’s lives. We ask for Your grace and Your mercy. We thank You for the forgiveness of sin through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lesson:

Using the Bible translation of your choice please read Luke 8:26-39.

Questions for thought:

What happened first, the demon possessed man crying out to Jesus or Jesus commanding the unclean spirit to come out of him?

Why did the demon possessed man cry out and fall down before Jesus?

Was it the man or the demons within him actually doing the crying out?

Did Jesus identify Himself or did the demons identify Him?

How did the demons identify Jesus; what did they call Him?

When the demons did not want to be tormented by Jesus, did they tell Jesus not to or did they beg Jesus not to torment them?

How many times did the demons beg Jesus to do or not to do something? (3. No torment, no send into the abyss, and allow to enter pigs).

The demons realized they had what kind of defense against Jesus?

Does man have a defense against Jesus?

What should man do with Jesus?

Why did the demons ask to go into the pigs and not another human?

Why did the pigs kill themselves?

Continued questions for thought:

When the people of the town came and saw the demon-possessed man now in his right mind, why were the town people afraid?

In order to be a Christian what must a person endeavor to do? (Repent/change)!

Do people fear change?

After meeting Jesus, the demon-possessed man was now in his right mind. Do people fear even positive change?

Do people fear Jesus?

Can it sometimes be a fearful thing to actually live a Christian life?

Is actually living a Christian life easy?

In verse 37, why did the people of the surrounding country ask Jesus to leave?

What did the previously-demon-possessed man want to do?

Apparently, was the previously-demon-possessed man still afraid of Jesus?

Why didn't Jesus want the previously-demon-possessed man to go with Him?

What did Jesus tell the previously-demon-possessed man to do?

Jesus wanted the previously-demon-possessed man to go and tell how much who had done things for him? (Verse 39. God).

The previously-demon-possessed man actually went throughout the whole city proclaiming how much who had done things for him? (Verse 39. Jesus).

Therefore, was this a declaration that Jesus is God?

Do you think the previously-demon-possessed man knew he had been sitting at the feet of God?

Can you imagine, after sitting talking with Jesus/God you are told to leave Him?

As a Christian today, how would you feel if you were told can no longer worship God?

How many Christians still pray before eating in a public restaurant?

How easily do Christians give up worshipping God?

At least one political party has told its members to act up when they don't get their way.

Do Christians sometimes fail to speak out for Christ fearing that somebody nearby might forcefully disagree?

At least one political party has at the center of its' platform abortion rights and homosexual rights. Do Christian vote their beliefs or consider other issues more important?

Again, how easily do Christians give up worshipping God?

Our Study Guide at the bottom of page 95 says:

“The Legion of demons inhabiting the man recognized Jesus' identity and authority. Jesus is the Son of the Most High God, and He Himself will cast all demons, including Satan, into hell for all eternity, once the time has come”.

Toward the bottom of page 96, our Study Guide, in speaking of the people who begged Jesus to leave, says:

“Since they had fear without faith, they rejected the miracle-worker in their midst”.

Questions for thought:

Is it possible to have so much faith in Jesus that there is no fear of God?
If there is no fear of God, why be obedient to Him?

Note in these scriptures how many beings begged Jesus:

1. Legion: Begged not to be tortured.
Begged not to be sent into the abyss.
Begged to be sent into the pigs.
2. The people of the surrounding area begged Jesus to leave.
3. The previously-demon-possessed man begged to go with Jesus.

Apparently, Legion and the people begged Jesus out of fear.

Apparently, the previously-demon-possessed man begged Jesus out of love.

Questions for thought:

Did the previously-demon-possessed man do what Jesus commanded out of fear or love?

Do Christians beg Jesus/God?

For what do Christians beg Jesus/God?

Do Christians beg Jesus/God out of fear or out of love?

Our Study Guide in the last paragraph on page 99 says:

“Because Jesus is sovereign over this world, over all things both physical and spiritual, we can know that nothing, including the sinful and scary work of demons, has the power to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 8:39). By faith in Jesus, we are forever free to live, run, fall, and crawl in His never-ending love”.

Let’s look at another instance when Jesus cast out a demon.

Using the Bible translation of your choice please read Luke 11:14-23.

Our Study Guide on page 101 the first paragraph the last sentence says:

“It seems there could be no end to the mischief, torment, and destruction perpetrated by demons in the spiritual realm”.

The Study Guide continues on the same page 101 second paragraph first sentence:

“But we must be careful not to give demons more credit than they are due”.

Then in the last sentence of the same paragraph the Study Guide says:

“Demons can only go as far as God allows them to go, and they can never hold ultimate control over God’s children”.

In Luke 11:19 when Jesus knew people were questioning His power to command and exorcize demons, Jesus said:

“And if I by Beelzebub cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? So they will be your judges?”

Questions for thought:

Can ordinary humans cast out demons? If so by whom, God, Satan, or themselves?
Must demons be cast out by the name of Jesus or Satan?

In Luke 11:23 the Bible says:

“He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters”.

Questions for thought:

What does Luke 11:23 mean?

Do those who are against Jesus have a chance of winning?

Is casting out demons always a good thing?

How do Christians know who is doing the casting out, Satan or God?

Using the Bible translation of your choice please read Gal. 5:19-23.

Questions for thought:

Using the “deeds of the flesh” and the “fruit of the Spirit” lists in Gal. 5:19-23, can a Christian form an opinion on who is taking a particular action, Satan or God?

What will you do with Jesus my friend?

Thank you for your time.

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