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Topic: Life of Christ: Power over Demons!

Scripture Text: Mark 5:1-13

1. Demons are fallen angels. They have supernatural power and will deceive people to want them to end up with them in the Lake of Fire. There is no salvation for demons.

- 2. In v.1-5, we see the need for power. The man who was possessed with demons lived among tombs. He was given power by the demons to break the chains that bound him. He was screaming and would cut himself. Every case of demon possession is different. For some, they would appear "normal' and used by the demons to be fortune teller.
- 3. Demons are real and powerful. By ourselves, we cannot match the demons. We cannot use physical strength and intelligence in spiritual warfare. We need power from above to deal with demons.
- 4. In v.6-7, we see the acknowledgment of power by the demons. When Jesus came to the demon possessed man, he prostrate before Jesus Christ and acknowledged Him as the Son of the most high God. The mere presence of Jesus Christ will torture the demons because they knew that they did an evil act to possess a man who is made in the image of God.
- 5. In v.8-13, we see the demonstration of power. At the command of Christ, the unclean spirits departed from the man to enter into the herds of swine which ran down a steep place and died.
- 6. Believers have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and no demons can possess a believer. The only way to help an unbeliever possessed by the demons is to share the Gospel and for the person to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.