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Welcome to Jesus Time where we spend time with Jesus in His time and culture.

✝ Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ And when He stepped out onto the land, a man from the city met Him who was possessed with demons; and he had not put on clothing for a long time and was not living in a house, but among the tombs. Dr. Luke 8:26-27 NASB

Our continuing narrative of context is:

Jesus has just spent the day in Capernaum teaching & preaching with Parables.

When— then, our Lord had instructed His Apostles and Disciples to load into the fishing boats obviously owned by Peter & Andrew, and Zebedee & Salome the sister of Mother Mary who are the parents of the other Apostle brothers James and Revelator John, aka the Sons of Thunder.

Again we speculate did Jesus name his cousins James & John after their preaching style, or was this an inside family joke as for them being the prodigy of one of their parents?

Only they know the answer to this question.

However we do know by Scripture that multiple boats set out upon this journey.

This being when a fierce storm blew up and in panic Jesus was rudely awoken by the fear of those traveling with Him and Christ our Lord rebuked as in calmed the Sea by controlling the weather.

Then they continued to sail to where Jesus had intended to go in the first place. Gerasenes.

Gerasenes (area) is/was on the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee. (Golan Heights)

Jesus landed near the ancient village of Gergsa initially rebuilt by the Romans & was indeed a Gentile place where the modern “Kersa”(Kursi) stands today. (There are other locations debated to be this area.)

By which all of this brings us to our lesson forever known by Biblical scholars and theologians as the “Miracle of the Swine” aka “The Exorcism of Legion.”

This lesson is actually the second of four that demonstrates the Deity & authority of Jesus as our Christ. The one and only Anointed Savior/Messiah begotten of & indeed a very part of Almighty Jehovah.

Why? Now, 4 distinct supernatural evidences of Jesus as Christ.

Because Jesus’s first series of “Parables” and within His “Lord’s Prayer” during His “Sermon on the Mount” our Lord introduced that everyone needs to be Saved to enter into His coming Kingdom.

Again this was a revolutionary teaching unto the Jews who had corrupted their Faith, as in their belief of Salvation being automatic by heredity with position & GOD’S favor based on reward of works & deeds. (works and deed are indeed evidence of our Salvation and are rewarded if they are unselfish not just seeking of a reward)

Jesus explained it was their (Jewish people) occupation and not just auto Salvation but that they were specifically bred and set apart by GOD to be the worlds clergy.

GOD’S Word, Will, and ultimately His Messiah did come through the Jews.

But pride twisted their religious perception to the point of excluding anyone not being born Jewish.

But rest assured Revelation explains; that in the last days, end times, the time of Jacobs trouble- That GOD will once again & finally use Jewish evangelicals to Save any and all with Spiritual insight.

So, the first of the 4 proofs of the proving true of our Lord’s Prayer with His following Parables- meaning one has to be Saved to enter Thy Kingdom to Come, accepting of Jesus, not who you are or what you have done, but by Grace of Faith, as in Christ's pardon of our Sin, when we believe and accept Him as our Savior was the forementioned controlling of the weather the calming of the Sea of Galilee.

Jesus's second proof that He is indeed the Christ/Messiah meaning you must be Saved through Him to get in into to Heaven, is this lessons exorcism and controlling of the Legion of Demons.

As in first Jesus controlled the natural I.e. weather & next He demonstrates His control over the Spiritual.

With the third & fourth examples to be specifically given unto women with multiple physical "Miracle within a Miracle" when Jesus heals an adult woman while traveling to raise from the dead a young girl.

Why? Were Jesus's physical miracles as proof of Him as Deity specifically given to women- Because women were discounted and marginalized by the ruling elite of Israel.

This not only gave 50 % of the population something they did not have any measure of at all Hope, but behind closed doors no one affords more will and control of the family than the oppressed women of Israel. Jesus knew this & we will once again return to this topic very soon.

Remember; it was unheard of, even considered to be a threat to the traditional perceptions of power and control that Jesus openly had women in teaching, preaching, and in leadership roles within His Ministry. All the while never once was a charge of impropriety ever brought against any of the married individuals traveling en masse with Jesus.

There can be little doubt and certainly no question that this; the behavior and personal conduct of those in Christ's care with them being under His direction were carefully observed for any further infraction of tradition or manmade Jewish required superstitions by the enemies of Jesus.

Ok, All 3 of the Gospel's which record this incident do say as soon as Jesus stepped off of the boat He was met by a demonically possessed man. Which means Jesus knowingly sailed to this exact location.

Mental disease and or deficiency are common attributes of the demonically possessed while intellectual and emotional distress of a Saved person are likewise signs of the demonically oppressed.

Get that?

Demons can not enter into the Saved- where the Holy Spirit abides & resides.

Unfortunately this does not mean that the Saved can not be hindered, offended, or blatantly outright attacked by the demonic in order to thwart, delay, or even dissuade each our life & our efforts in Christ.

Have you ever noticed even the look as in the over exaggerated expressions of someone openly known to be criminally evil or those willingly participating in what is obviously evil? E.g. "Crazy eyes."

This is because of the twisted evil Demonic influence over or even within someone. Sadly tis true.

Make no mistake there is indeed much Spiritual warfare raging all around us each and every day.

We see the evidence, but especially today people claim our human science, society, & politics do hold all the answers. However when perceived breaks in our reality show up they are called coincidence or chance but yet daily our society inexplicably deteriorates as the Sins associated with evil gains ever more ground and continues to flourish no matter the amount of time and or resources given to combat it.

Which gets us back to the possessed man-

What we can also overlook here is that in Jesus Time tombs were often literal holes carved into rock which another stone was used to cover the opening.

Meaning this societal outcast, this demonic possessed man, was actually living in the carved tombs plural leaving no doubt that he was continually chastising and vilifying people as they mourned brining their loved ones who had passed.

As in grieving families coming to lay their loved ones to rest only to be confronted, or even be physically assaulted by this man because he was readily at an instant present and confronting Jesus and those in His company the very moment He had arrived even somewhat silently by Sea.

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✠ This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. ⁴ For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

Mark 5:3-5 NIV

So, this miserable, dreadful, vicious, seemingly insane, naked, & dirty unkempt morbid example of a man could not be brought under control.

It is a sad fact that medicine has always lacked the means of treating Spiritual or mental disease.

OK, Christ just sailed directly across the Sea of Galilee to confront Him, well the demon inside him.

Scripture does not specifically identify those whom had previously tried to chain and or restrain this man, but imagine the result even when this man was seemingly overwhelmed in numbers and then being physically bound only to break his iron no doubt Roman slave chain and then he begins to attack those who had confined him.

Now not to be gross but for truth's sake remember this demonically possessed man would not fight with any rules of decency. Yes, he would spit, bite, urinate, beat, kick, or even use said chain you get the idea.

Be it family, authority, or previously aggrieved foe, nay never and no would they ever attempt that again!

Ok additionally one of the chief signs of mental illness is self harm.

Now Spiritually speaking as far as association with the demonic this should come as no surprise at all.

After all if no one else is present for the demoniacs to torment or torture as is evidence of their evil nature, then they are well known to torment and torture the individual they are occupying.

Tis their nature to inflict pain or shame on as many as frequently as they can.

Why? Because they know they are damned and they try to take as many with them to Hell in spite as they can. Yes, the answer is really that simple.

No need for us to go deep Philosophical nor immersed Theological the fallen Demonic are just plain evil. Including criminal insanity which means they enjoy hurting others especially others weaker than themselves. You know- people just like us.

Again Spiritual warfare with the end game being ones eternal destiny:

✠ For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, (cruel absolute authority) against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.

Ephesians 6:12 AMP Classic

As for great strength; our own perception of physical limitation is also a contributing factor of our very own innate abilities. Meaning time and again we have all heard the whispered rumors and or urban legends such as of Moms lifting cars off of trapped children without thinking about it. Etc.

Yes, it is true time and again Jesus Himself instructs us to see beyond our physical limitations often set by our own limitations of our emotional or intellectually self imposed normal perception.

Does this mean that the demoniac man was actually physically enhanced with strength by the Fallen, or was his normal human limitations simply forgotten or mentally suppressed under their influence?

I do not know, but does it really matter either way? Other than it is proven when a person is stressed or in this case demonically possessed that the norms of human capability can be if need be superseded.

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✝ When he saw Jesus, he gave a loud cry, threw himself down at his feet, and shouted, “Jesus, Son of the Most High God! What do you want with me? I beg you, don't punish me!”

Dr. Luke 8:28 GNT

Within modern psychology the distinction line between a split personality or in this case a man inhabited by demons can be very difficult even for a professional psychologist or a Christian exorcist to determine exactly when they are speaking to the host subject alone.

Professionals each medical and Spiritual theorize this was the man himself the host which ran to Jesus to confront Him as the demons always had him do when people arrived. However this time he could feel the fear of the demons so much so that the man collapsed down before Christ.

Question? Was this a ploy for help. Notice he did not flee then not he but the demons spoke.

Here it is clearly the fallen demoniacs within this man that are the ones speaking because they are quite terrified of the presence of GOD. The Divine Living Word portion of the Trinity has arrived in human form as Jesus Messiah directly deliberately unto them all knowingly to them well before their appointed by Scripture judgement time. (Daniel 9 the timeline of Israel & Sinful rebellion)

Legend & Non Canonical books such as Enoch 16:1 & Jubilees 10:7-10 also hold that only a tenth of the fallen demoniacs are free while that 9/10 of the fallen are confined/reside in hell at all times.

Remember this when we hear the demons state it is not yet their time of confinement/punishment.

Notice the demons knew the name and person that GOD had chosen to be born human with and right away after their acknowledging of the Deity of Jesus they beg Him not to be punished for their rebellious Sin.

Meaning they recognize Christ's authority over them right away.

As of yet it has not been revealed to Jesus at least openly publicly that more than one demon resides inside this man. We will circle back to this.

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✝ Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss.

Luke 8:30-31 RSV

Now we get to have some fun!

We will see Why? Jesus always demands the fallen to be silent.

Not only do they always lie but they speak upon Spiritual matters not yet within our grasp.

These two little verses above give to us not one but two very deep Theological discourse!

First a Doctrine of GOD'S Law with the latter being Eschatological of a yet future tense Prophecy.

So here we go:

Think about it- GOD Himself in Christ Jesus has to ASK who the demon was that He personally time past had Created. Jesus indwelt with the Holy Spirit the Alpha & Omega did not know.

Our Lord did not know the fallen demoniac's name nor that more than one in fact of many demons were now residing within this man.

Sounds crazy right? Can't be right, almost borderline disrespectful to GOD Almighty to even think He does not know the demons identity. Until we realize that GOD Himself purposely remembers this individual(s) no more. Your blood just go cold? It should have at that thought.

Yes, Holy Wow! GOD can and will literally forget someone when they choose by freewill to be apart from Him. This is for GOD'S Sake. To be free from the pain of a forever Spiritual divorce from someone human or Angelic that GOD has Created in and with His Breath of Life. (immortal soul)

(All life has the physical breath of life but only humans and angels have GOD'S Breath of Life an essence of eternal Soul.)

I know, tough to wrap your conscience, thoughts, and heart around.

I never said forgetting someone forever is something GOD wishes to do.

He has to not only for His peace of heart, mind, and Soul but for ours as well.

You know; have we not all thought? "How can I ever truly be happy in Heaven when _____ is not Saved and will forever be in suffering apart from GOD." (& us)

The answer is: GOD is even more hurt and disappointed when one of us that He personally Created from His Thoughts, Will, and Design willingly dies forever apart from Him.

So, for His & our sake Almighty Jehovah forgets them as in He remembers them no more as they wished.

Get it? We too will not remember specifically individually anyone forgotten by GOD.

Prophecy of the post Judgement of Sin I.e. Great White Throne

✝ Do not call to mind the former things, Or consider things of the past.

¹⁹ Behold, I am going to do something new, Isaiah 43:18-19a NASB

Future Fulfillment when the Lord ends rebellion and Sin.

✝ And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Revelation 21:4 KJV

Former things not recalled and or passed away as in forgotten includes fallen angels & former people. We will see this again.

When- Christ our Lord gave to us His Parable of "Lazarus & the lost rich man."

Look again my Bible studying friend; Lazarus (Saved by name) & the lost (anonymous) rich man. (name unknown)

The consequences of Sin and rebellion are real Jesus did not recall the name of the rich man.

This life, this world, proves our intention & attitude towards GOD as we choose our own eternal fate.

Yes, GOD could have easily created a race of sentient beings devoid of Sin but that also means devoid of freewill and being able to truly freely love. In order to love we must have the freedom not to love.

Ok, so the demons have now boasted that they are "legion" for they are many inside this man that have been forgotten by GOD and they know their time of punishment is yet future in Jesus Time.

But Why? Do the demons so desperately fear the "Abyss." John our Revelating Apostle clue's us in:

Future End Times/ Last Days/ Tribulation Judgement:

✝ Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key to the shaft of the abyss was given to him. ² He opened the shaft of the abyss, and smoke ascended out of the shaft like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened from the smoke of the shaft. ³ Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. ⁴ They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵ And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a person. ⁶ And in those days people will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death will flee from them! Revelation 9:1-6 NASB

Ok, the short answer is: The Trumpet Judgements will be directly or events resulting from a multi fractured meteor including its debris from its tail having varied future impacts upon the Earth.

Yet Spiritually & Biblically a fallen star is a fallen demonic angel.

No time to go into all the of details right now but rest assured the Scriptures time and again refer to the stars of the sky as being each numbered and named by GOD accordingly each after an Angel.

So, a star falling from Heaven means during this event of a meteor strike upon the Earth hitting exactly in the ocean where under water is the sealed access tunnel of the Abyss leading to Scheol/Hell/Hades.

Remember Scripture also states that free demons haunt/reside in waterless places. (Matthew 12:43)

Perhaps this is Why?

Our Lord choose water to remove the demonic from the Earth at the time of Noah's Flood.

One final reference as for water; Revelation 9:14 informs there are 4 fallen demons bound by being beneath the water of the Euphrates River whose specialty is inciting war to also be released during the Tribulation.

Oh obviously of course when someone is Saved in Christ we are then indwelt with the Holy Spirit.

Apparently this is obvious to those of the Spiritual realms as in differentiation. (Saved Sealed forehead)

These references here are for our comprehension that the shaft leading to Hell is under water. (Abyss)

As in Spiritual beings or disembodied human souls can not traverse through water as in stuck in it.

Revelation 20:13 further states that there are dead, as in confined, as in stuck in the Sea, unable to get free; this has to be- by the density of water? Remember Dr. Luke 16:22 Says the Saved in death are taken by Angels unto the Lord as in unable to traverse from the physical into the Spiritual realm unaided. (as agreed Reverend Billy Graham in his famous book about Angels, plus by NDE's GOD opens a tunnel of light)

Anyways now you get the idea as for water and Spiritual beings.

During the future 5th Trumpet Judgement we have just read that a fallen is given permission to release the Spiritual tormentors of Hell loose upon the unsaved people alive at this time upon the Earth.

When at least temporarily the mighty ocean has been removed from the cover of the breeched by meteor impact Abyss. Even if only for a millisecond how long does it actually take for a Spirit creature to escape?

Why?

Because GOD in Judgement with His mercy and wisdom is literally giving those in rebellion to Him an actual foretaste of Hell during the Tribulation as a warning of the consequences of rejecting Him.

Notice nothing will help with the stings of the demonic locust like tormentors.

Why?

Because these evil beings torment the Spiritual!

As in people will wish to die but will not die because their bodies are totally unharmed.

Get that?

The Abyss locust stings are upon the living eternal Soul residing within a physical body.

Meaning no medicine nor medical treatment of any kind will alleviate the suffering and pain.

Which finally brings us to our point!

The demons inside the possessed man begged Jesus not to send them right now- before their time, into the Abyss. Because the Abyss is where the locust like tormentors are to punish Spiritual rebellion.

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✠ For Jesus had already commanded the evil spirit to come out of him.

Dr. Luke 8:29a NLT

This "legion of demon" knew; they may have tortured and tormented this man and hindered those he encountered for many years, but now with one whisper from Christ- they are through.

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✠ Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, ¹² and they begged him, saying, “Send us to the pigs; let us enter them.” ¹³ So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

Mark 5:11-13 ESV

Again just with the presence of a herd of swine this speaks of this region being Gentile because pigs are forbidden under Mosaic Law because (Leviticus 11:3 & Deuteronomy 14:8) consider them to be unclean. Pigs have a very simple digestive system which can not properly process cellulose & they eat carrion. Note the “legion of demon” begged Christ our Lord for His permission to enter into a nearby heard of pigs. The insanity of the demons entering into the pigs caused them to panic and they rushed into the Sea of Galilee and drown. Now seriously did they do this deliberately? Yes probably true.

Think about it:

Because we just learned that water entraps and confines Spiritual beings caught in a physical death. At least for those not Saved as in not Sealed by GOD taken by free Holy Angels into GOD’S presence.

So Why? Would the legion of demon do this.

Because they reasoned entrapment in the Sea of Galilee until their proper Judgement day is a far better fate than their appointed tormentors, the Locusts with the Spiritual stingers within the Abyss. This is where the fallen legion of demon greatly feared Jesus would send & confine them to.

Actually this is a supposition; but how do we not know? That into the Abyss is where fallen do go- If they are successfully by exorcism Spiritually removed from a living being? Human or animal? That is a very wild uninformed guess but the “legion of demon” certainly feared & thought so.

Continuing

✠ The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵ And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.

Mark 5:14-15 ESV

Some considered Jesus to be responsible for the financial loss of the swine, but of course it was not His fault that the “legion of demon” in fear of our Lord chose to imprison themselves within the water by the drowning of the herd of pigs.

Is a Doctor responsible if a former patient later does something undesirable?

Also now this formerly demonically possessed man was grateful being receptive & acceptive of Jesus. The word in Greek used here for the condition of the formerly demonic possessed man is “healed.” It should be noted here that the exact Greek word used for healed can also be translated into English as “Saved.” Meaning Jesus personally Saved this man each mind, body, & Soul.

So then the Gerasenes reacted with fear at the inexplicable supernatural power of Jesus & more.

We can only speculate that since Jews were known to be forbidden swine, as such did they think this forbiddance attributed to the destruction of the pigs as in Christ was upholding the Law of Moses?

Point being these were Hellenistic influenced pagan Gentiles could they be afraid that Jesus could also cause a mass insanity amongst the local non Jewish population goading them into destroying themselves? You know; to rid Israel of them? Remember “Messiah” by prophecy will ultimately cleanse, purge and reinstitute Israel. Sound far fetched? By Jesus Time the Pharisee’s have been calling these people vile and invaders doomed for destruction & the fiery pits of Hell for generations.

Continuing

✝ They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. ³⁷ Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Luke 8:36-37 NKJV

This proves our Lord in fact honors & respectfully obeys the free will wishes of others. Jesus, Holy GOD 2nd person of the Trinity, does submit His authority under our wishes as for Salvation. The very spoken Living Word of GOD in human incarnation as Christ in Jesus departs. As they wished. The next time Jesus arrives unto us He will dispatch those whom reject Him each the physical & Spiritual. That is a fact, every Prophet including Moses & David with all the Apostles and Jesus Himself saying so.

Concluding

✝ As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. ¹⁹ Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." ²⁰ So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

Mark 5:18-20 NIV

Have you no doubt that this man who was formerly possessed by a "legion of demon" was infamous and known far and wide in his own right? People and authorities had tried on multiple times to restrain him by chain, so did they attempt to divert or distract him during funeral processions?

Perhaps, seems likely. Did people also pay for a burly escort of guard? Good chance because of him.

You know; send people faster than him on ahead of the gathering to attempt to get him to follow them? Can we even perceive or conceive the measures that grieving people had to take because of him?

So, it had to have been made publicly known that harming him in his certain unstable frame of mind was not permissible by law. Otherwise it would have been good riddance of him long ago.

Point being because of this now stable and in his right mind man, of his infamy, because they had forbidden Jesus to enter into their region this man carried our Christ's Gospel with him by example everywhere he went and unto everyone he meets. No doubt by recognition many people noticed and no doubt had double takes with weary thoughts whenever they saw him approaching them!

Get that? Again think about it:

Often people do not let Jesus into them. It is then we- those touched and redeemed by Christ whom then become His Ambassadors due to our familiarity with others or just by our testimony and example.

We have seen this before; this same type of circumstance at least twice before off the top of my head.

Remember the un reputable "Lady at the Well" & the well aged "Paralyzed man at pool of Bethesda?" Well all 3 of these former social outcasts now including this free of the "Legion of demon" man serve the Lord redefined in His image for all to see. Hey I just realized these 3!!

3 miracles of healing that Christ left behind with each instructed to bear witness of Him unto others. One each of Mind, Body & Soul: Mind/ostracized lady, Body/paralyzed man, Soul/possessed man.

Decapolis was the former possessed "Legion of demon" territory to cover: (a big Ministry area!)

Like Gadarenes, Decapolis is a region, with Gadarenes being this Galilean Sea shore region.

Decapolis in Greek means ten cities, in Jesus Time these were all Greek Hellenistic cities assigned to Syria not Israel being occupied by pagan Gentiles and also Jews collaborating with the Herod's or Romans.