

## That The World May Know - Death and Resurrection of the Messiah - Session 2 – Piercing the Darkness

### The Power of One

1. What kind of response did Jesus and His disciples receive when they returned to “the other side” a while after Jesus healed the demon-possessed man?  
Mark 7:31 – 36  
Matthew 15:30
2. How had the people in the entire Decapolis district heard about Jesus?  
Luke 8:38 – 39  
Mark 5:18 – 20
3. According to this Biblical story, what is the key to evangelism?
4. What seems unusual or surprising about the way in which God used this one man to establish a strong Christian community in a pagan culture?
5. What can we learn from the spiritual impact of one formerly demon-possessed man who knew no theology yet became an effective missionary in the most pagan area of first-century Israel?

### Jesus’ Commitment to Confronting Evil

1. Immediately after Jesus defeated the storm – the power of evil manifested by the sea – who did He meet? What is the possible link between these two events?  
Mark 5:1 – 13  
Luke 8:26 – 33
2. What is the sea into which the demonized pigs ran referred to?  
Luke 8:30 – 33
  - a. What does the word *Abyss* symbolize in the book of Revelations? Revelation 9:1 – 11 Revelation 11:7 Revelation 17:8 Revelation 20:1 – 4
  - b. What is the significance of the pigs rushing into the sea and drowning?
3. Jesus had demonstrated His power over demons many times.
  - a. Did the demons recognize who Jesus was? How did they respond to Him?  
Mark 1:21 – 28  
Mark 9:14 – 29
  - b. How did Jesus confront the demons? What was the result?
  - c. What was the people’s response?
  - d. What difficulty had the disciples faced in casting out the demon that possessed the boy? What was the solution?
4. What can we learn from Jesus’ confrontation with evil that applies to our lives today?  
Matthew 4:23 – 25

### A Man Who Had Deep Needs

1. Describe the condition of the demon-possessed man. In what ways might he have posed a threat to Jesus and His disciples?  
Mark 5:1 – 5
2. How did the man react to Jesus? Why?  
Mark 5:6 – 8  
Luke 8:28
3. What was the name of the demons?  
Mark 5:9
4. After Jesus sent the demons away, how did the man change?  
Luke 8:34 – 35
5. Why did the local people react as they did to the healing of this man?  
Luke 8:35 – 37
6. How was Jesus received during His second visit? What accounted for the difference?  
Mark 5:18 – 20  
Mark 7:31 – 37  
Matthew 15:29 – 31

## Old Testament Heroes Who Confronted Evil

## Scripture References

1. What was the evil Elijah confronted? What did he say to King Ahab and the Israelites?  
1 Kings 18:16 – 21

What test did Elijah propose?  
1 Kings 18:22 – 25

What was the result?  
1 Kings 18:26 – 40

2. What was the evil David confronted? Who did Satan use to defy Israel and their God?  
1 Samuel 17:4 – 10

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1 Samuel 17:4 – 10

Who battled the giant? Why?  
1 Samuel 17:32 – 37

3. What evil did Phinehas confront? Numbers 25:1 – 13

What were the Israelites doing that was evil in the sight of God?

What strong measures did God order to confront this evil?

What did Phinehas do?

What was the result?

Genesis 3	Matthew 15
Numbers 25	Mark 1
Joshua 3	Mark 3
Judges 4	Mark 4
1 Samuel 17	Mark 5
1 Kings 18	Mark 6
2 Kings 1	Mark 7
2 Chronicles 34	Mark 8
Esther 3	Mark 9
Esther 4	Luke 8
Esther 5	Luke 11
Esther 7	John 8
Matthew 2	Acts 13
Matthew 4	Revelation 9
Matthew 8	Revelation 11
Matthew 10	Revelation 17
Matthew 12	Revelation 20

# Israel and the Decapolis

