

MATTHEW

February 27, 2022

Matthew 8:28-34

READ

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Mark 5: 1-20

Luke 8:26-39

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What is the most significant difference between the three accounts— especially Matthew compared with Mark & Luke?

How is the difference to be harmonized?

2. Why do people today seem to have trouble accepting the reality of demons? (Do you?)

What is Jesus' position on the subject? What, from the text, supports this?

3. Which details from the other Gospel accounts are most striking to you?

4. What points of theology do the demons seem to understand (v. 29)?

5. What is the action of the demons in v. 31? (Compare in other translations for a broader sense.) What is your impression of this?

6. Why beg to be sent into the herd of swine upon being cast out (vv. 29-31)?

Why, considering the source of the entreaty, might Jesus be open to considering this?

7. What are the three results of Jesus' response (v. 32)?

What do you make of the third result? What is behind this?

8. What series of events are set off by the destruction of the herd (vv. 33-34)?

Why implore Jesus to leave their region?

9. Read the conclusion from Mark's perspective (5:18-20). What is the man's mission?

What is the man's message?

What direction does this provide regarding your personal testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will go to my "people" this week by . . .

I will proclaim what great things Jesus has done for me by . . .