

Luke 8:26-39 (ESV)

When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

Yesterday we were able to meditate on the truth that Jesus has authority over all of creation. In life we encounter many storms, but our Almighty Creator God has authority over them. In the account we read today, we encounter a more direct and intentional struggle that we face in life, an antagonist who is the Father of Lies and seeks to devour us and destroy our souls. In this account Jesus encounters a legion of demons who were determined to deceive, devour, and destroy. The authority of Jesus was tested, yet just as wind and waves recognized their master in our event yesterday, the demons, as created beings, recognized Him who has all authority and power. They yielded to His command, even to their own destruction.

Our walk in this life still faces the direct assault of Satan and his demons. However, in every situation where Satan seeks to destroy us, the authority of God keeps our souls unscathed and protected. There is no amount of evil aimed against you that will overcome God. The resurrection is the greatest proof as death itself is conquered. If you are God's child, all that stands against you will be conquered.

FAMILY TABLE TALK QUESTION

How does Satan seek to lead us away from God, and how does God protect us?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will give you peace amid persecution from the evil one.