

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

MATTHEW 8:26,27

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### INTRODUCTION:

1. **MATTHEW 8.26:** *“But He said to them, ‘Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?’”*
  - a) The disciples had faith, but it was small. We might have faith to face the smaller challenges of life, but when real hardship comes, we waver. (Luke 17.5; Rom. 4.18-22)
  - b) **MATTHEW 8.26:** *“Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.”* Have you ever felt ashamed knowing you should have been more trusting?
2. **MATTHEW 8.27:** *“So the men marveled, saying, ‘Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?’”* Jesus proved who He was!
  - a) His miracles testify of His identity. (John 10.23-39; Acts 2.22)
  - b) He is identity compels us to follow Him. (Matt. 8.25; John 13.12-17)
3. **MATTHEW 8.28-34:** Jesus is shown to have authority over disease, nature, and now demons.

### I. THE CONDITION OF THE MAN BEFORE

- A. **MATTHEW 8.28:** *“When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men...”*
  1. The country of the Gergesenes is known as Gergesa. The city within this country is called Gadara. Thus Mark’s describes them as the Gadarenes. (Mark 5.1)
  2. Mark tells us about one man which came to Jesus immediately. (Mark 5.2)
  3. Luke describes him as having multiple demons for a long time. (Luke 8.26,27)
    - a) How many demons were in this man? (Luke 8.30; Mark 5.8,9)
    - b) There were at least two thousand. (Mark 5.13)
- B. The description of this man who was demon possessed.
  1. He was damaged socially. He lived in the tombs. (Matt. 8.28; Mark 1.3; Luke 8.27)
  2. He was damaged physically. He had superhuman strength. (Mark 1.3,4)
  3. He was damaged emotionally. He would cry out and cut himself. (Mark 1.5)
  4. He was damaged spiritually. He saw no common ground. (Matt. 8.29; Mark 5.6,7)
    - a) Mark and Luke: *“Jesus, Son of the Most High God.”* (Mark 1.8; Luke 8.28)
    - b) The demons believed and confessed. (Matt. 4.3,5,6; Luke 4.33-35,40,41; James 2.19)

### II. THE CONDITION OF THE MAN AFTER

- A. The reaction of the citizens in the city.
  1. **MATTHEW 8.34:** *“And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region.”*
  2. Mark and Luke describe them as “afraid” (phobos).
  3. Begged (parakaleo): To call to the side.
  4. Depart (metabaino): To change places.
- B. The condition of the man who had been demon possessed.
  1. **MARK 5.15:** *“the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind.”* (cf. Luke 8.35)
  2. The Lord did two things for this man to make heal him.
    - a) **LUKE 8.39:** *“what great things God has done for you.”*
    - b) **MARK 5.19:** *“Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.”*