

Luke 8:26-27

26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 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.

Luke 8:28-29

28 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." 29 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.)

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Believing Jesus is God isn't the same as trusting him for salvation.

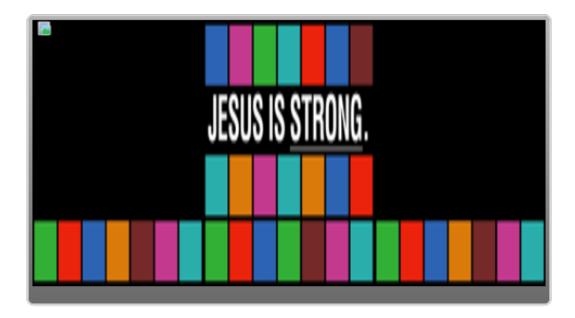
Luke 8:30-31

30 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.

A gulf has opened up in our culture between the visibility of evil and the intellectual resources available for coping with it. -Andrew Delbanco The Death of Satan: How Americans Have Lost the Sense of Evil.

Luke 8:32-33

32 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. 33 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.



Two ways to fear God...

- Fear that draws us to Him.
- Fear that drives us from Him.

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Muslims believe the idea of the cross actually limits God's power by saying that Jesus had to die on the cross for God to forgive us. They don't believe Jesus would need to be crucified to forgive us our sins. To say that God's power to forgive requires a satisfaction of his justice would be, in their view, a limitation on his power.

- J.D. Greear, Breaking the Islam Code

When someone rebels against a king, the king shows his power by utter destruction of that person. Yet when God wanted to show his power over his enemies, he took the form of the lowest of men, lived as a servant and died an unjust, scorned death. - J.D. Greear

2 Corinthians 12:9

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.







Jesus is strong but to follow Him we must become weak.

