

Jesus vs. The Demonic Darkness

Mark 5:1-20

Context - After calming the storm on the Sea of Galilee, Jesus and the disciples make their way to the Eastern shore to conduct more ministry.

Main Idea - Jesus is all powerful. His power is greater than any demonic power.

When you study Jesus vs. the demonic darkness...

1. _____ the traits of darkness (vs. 1-9)

- A. The goal of demons is to destroy the person created in the image of God. This led to the man being socially isolated and displaying self destructive tendencies. (ESV Study Bible)
- B. Demons will always seek to destroy the person they possess, while Jesus will always give life to the person He indwells.

2. _____ the math (vs. 1-10)

- A. A legion was the largest unit of the Roman army and at full strength had 6,000 soldiers. That Jesus sent them into 2000 pigs (vs. 12) makes some scholars believe there were 2000 demons.
- B. Jesus has all of the power in the universe, and he is able to overcome any dark power in existence.

3. _____ the victor (vs. 18-20)

- A. There is a subtle explanation of Deity here: Note that the work of the Lord in 5:19 is described as the work of Jesus in v. 20, indicating that Jesus shares the same nature as God himself. (ESV Study Bible)
- B. Have you experienced the victory of Jesus in your own life? How about in your struggles with sin and darkness?