

Early on in our study, we read about Jesus healing a man with an unclean spirit (Mark 1:21-28). We even heard the unclean spirit cry out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I

_____ who you are—the Holy One of God" (1:24). But that unclean spirit was no match for Jesus in the Capernaum synagogue.

In today's lesson, we follow Jesus and the apostles "to the other side of the _____, to the country of the Gerasenes" (Mark 5:1).

And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an _____ spirit. (5:2)

This man had a terribly miserable life (5:3-5), but notice what he did as Jesus drew near.

And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, _____ of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not _____ me." For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" (5:6-8)

The unclean spirits end up in a herd of about 2,000 pigs while the demon-possessed man comes to be seated, clothed, and in his right mind (5:11-15).

Throughout the rest of Jesus's ministry, demons prove to be no match whatsoever.

● **Matthew 9:32-34** - Jesus heals a demon-oppressed man who was _____

● **Matthew 15:21-28** - Jesus heals the daughter of a Canaanite woman who was severely oppressed by a demon

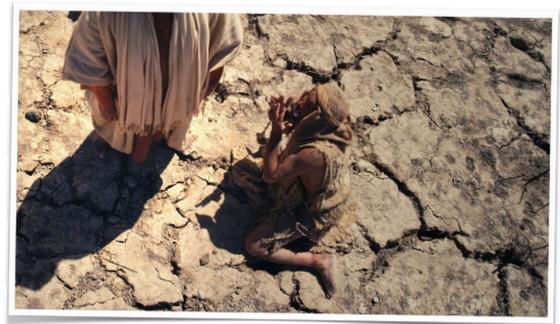
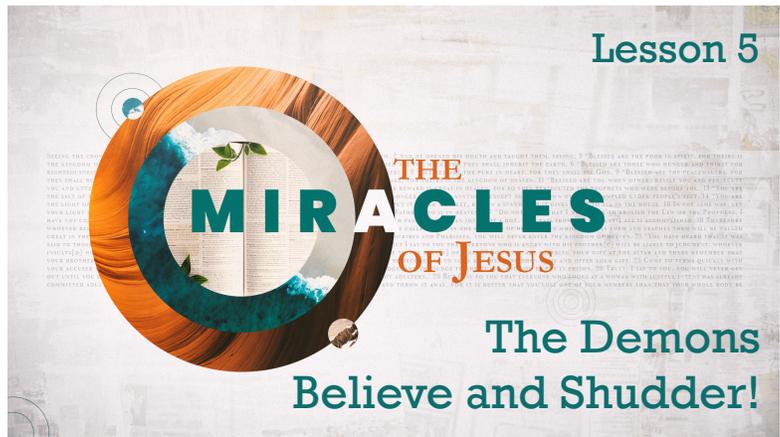
● **Matthew 17:14-18** - Jesus heals a _____ with a demon

● **Luke 13:10-13** - Jesus heals a woman with a disabling spirit

Many years later, listen carefully to what James wrote to Christians:

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the _____—and _____! (2:18-19)

What does all of this reveal about Jesus? His power? His heart? **Let's talk about it...**



For Class & Family Discussion:

- As you read about the terrible situation of the demon-possessed man in [Mark 5:3-5](#), what stands out to you? What effect have these demons had on the man?
- What should we make of the words cried out with a loud voice in [5:7](#)? And [5:9](#)?
- What does this miracle reveal about Jesus's power and authority?
- What does this miracle reveal about Jesus's heart?
- Why do you think the Pharisees said what they said in [Matthew 9:34](#) after Jesus healed a demon-oppressed man who was mute?
- Let's open our Bibles together to [Matthew 12](#) and read [12:22-32](#). What can we learn from this interaction Jesus had with some of the Pharisees?
- What does the miracle in [Matthew 15:21-28](#) reveal about Jesus?
- Turning back to [James 2](#), what big, *really* important point is James making in [2:14-26](#) when he talks about the demons believing and shuddering? What do we need to understand from this lesson?