

# SATAN AND HIS DEMONS



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## Lesson 1

# A MAN DELIVERED FROM DEMONS

**Scripture to be studied:** Mark 5:1-21; Luke 8:26-40; Matthew 8:28-34

**The aim of the lesson:** To teach that although demons may be stronger than we are, Jesus Christ is Victor over them.

**What your students should know:** Jesus has greater power than all the demons.

**What your students should feel:** An awareness of the power of demons.

**What your students should do:** Trust God for protection from demons.

**Lesson outline (for the teacher's and students' notebooks):**

1. A man controlled by demons (Matthew 8:28; Mark 5:1-5; Luke 8:26-27).
2. Demons recognize Jesus and His power (Matthew 8:29; Mark 5:6-10; Luke 8:28-31).
3. Christ releases the man from demons (Matthew 8:30-33; Mark 5:11-14; Luke 8:32-34).
4. Demons keep people from believing in Jesus (Matthew 8:34; Mark 5:15-21; Luke 8:35-39).

**The verse to be memorized:**

*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)*

## THE LESSON

### 1. A MAN CONTROLLED BY DEMONS

Matthew 8:28; Mark 5:1-5; Luke 8:26-27



#### Show Illustration #1

In the country of the Gadarenes there lived a wild man. He had not always been wild. But one day demons (or evil spirits) came to live in his body. They made him do terrible things he would never have done normally—like tearing off his clothes and cutting himself with sharp stones. Once this man lived in a house. Now he stayed in a cemetery among the tombs, not far from the city of Gadara. The people in

## NOTE TO THE TEACHER

It is important for Christians to know something about Satan and his demons.

Satan, the “god of this world” (2 Corinthians 4:4) and the “prince of the power of the air” (Ephesians 2:2), is a mighty foe. His purposes are to defeat the plan of God and to promote his own kingdom. He has a well-organized army of demons to help carry out his evil plans. Demons are wise, intelligent, evil spirits who serve their leader, Satan.

The first lesson in this volume teaches something of the character of demons. Although demons know many things which humans may not know, they are not all-knowing nor nearly as wise as God and His perfect Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. This fact should encourage the believer in Christ.

You are continually reaching out for the lost. Therefore, you doubtless have in your class those who have not been born again. All unbelievers are open to demon possession. (See Ephesians 2:2.)

This series of lessons should help each one to understand that no matter how vile the sinner, the Lord Jesus Christ is willing and able to cleanse him, forgive him, and give him a clean, new heart. (See Psalm 51:2, 5; Ezekiel 36:26.) Satan and his demons may be stronger, wiser, and more cunning than we are. But Jesus Christ is Victor over Satan and all his hosts.

The word “legion” in the lesson means a vast number. In the Roman army, a legion was as many as 6,000 soldiers. You may wish to explain this to your students.

the city and in the surrounding country were so afraid of him that they did not even want to pass the place where he was!

At times strong men caught him and bound him with heavy chains and handcuffs. But the demons inside the wild man made him so powerful that he snapped the handcuffs, smashed the chains, broke loose and ran away. No one could tame this man!

Day and night the demons caused the man to scream as he wandered over the wild hills and among the tombs. Often he