

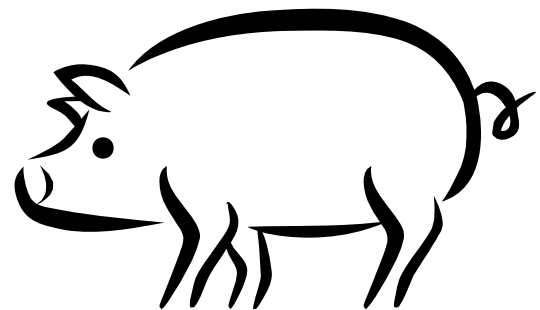
Jesus Sends Demons into Pigs

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Those who were in charge of the herd ran very fast to the city. They told everyone about what they had seen. The people of the city came out to meet Jesus. Jesus then got into a boat and went to his own city.



Thinking About God's Word . . .

1. The men with demons asked Jesus a question. What did they ask?
2. They knew that Jesus had power of them because Jesus is God.
3. What did Jesus see when he looked around?
4. The men with demons knew Jesus would take them from the men. Where did they ask to go?
5. Did Jesus do what the demons asked? What happened then?
6. Jesus has power over all that is.



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Christ Forgives and Heals

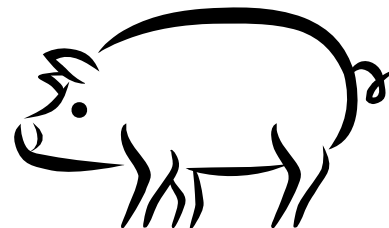
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Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

Jesus Casts out Demons

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when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood.



And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

Thinking About God's Word . . . *Matthew 8:28-34, 9:1*

1. Who talks to Jesus in this gospel?
2. What do they say to him?
3. When did they expect him to come?
4. Where does he send them?
5. Why do they call him "son of God?"
6. Who do you say Jesus is?



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Jesus Heals

Saints Cosmas and Damion
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Demons Leap into the Sea

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Focus questions

1. What do the demons say to Jesus?
2. What do they know about Jesus?
3. Why do you think they ask "what have you to do with us?"
4. Who is in control or powerful in this gospel?
5. What does this gospel tell us about Jesus?
6. Do you agree with what this gospel is saying about Jesus? Why or why not?

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Next week: The Paralytic Can Walk



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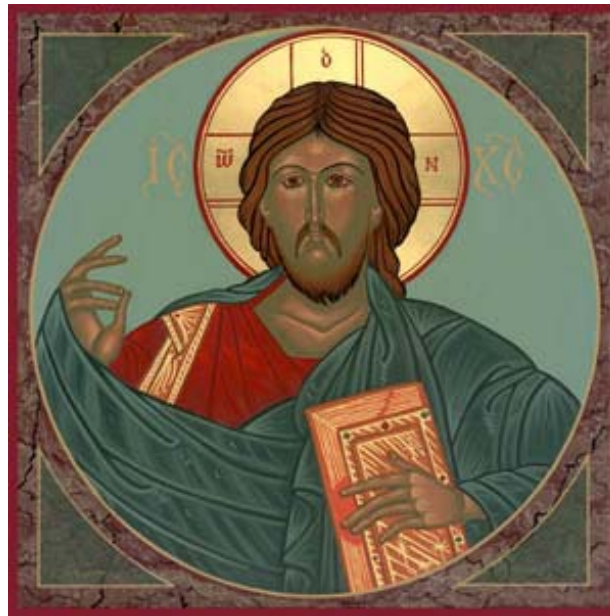
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Next week: Lift Up Your Pallet and Walk

Focus questions

1. The demoniacs ask: "What have you to do with us, Son of God?" What might they mean by that question?
2. Why might a person today ask that question?
3. Is it sometimes difficult to see what God has to do with your daily life?
4. How might you go about investigating what God has to do with you?
5. Which method of investigation would you like to try exploring this week? How will you go about doing that?



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