

First Apostle To The Gentiles

- Herod the Great
- Antipas
- Philip
- Archelaus (ruled by governor after A.D. 6)
- Decapolis



I. Picture of Satan

Demons used power to
get people to join them.

- 1 Co.10:20; Ep.6:12

Demons serve satan: absolute evil

- **Gn.3:** liar (Jn.8)...
- **Job:** inflicts unspeakable suffering...
- **Judas:** Lk.22:3...31.
- **Us:** 2 Co.2:11. 1 Pt.5:8-9.

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II. Power of Savior

Legion bows before One

- Greatest surrender (6); begs (7)
- Legion of demons cannot match all power (Mt.28:18)

Mt.4: temptations do not conquer Him.

Mt.26-27: torment does not alter course.

Col.2: triumph. [1 Co.15:24-28 last...]

Proves deity / power of Jesus

- Demonstrated in . . .

Material things, Jn.2

Nature, Jn.6

Disease, Jn.9

Death, Jn.11

Demons, (6x in John...)

- James 2:19

Proves deity / power of Jesus

- One glance at Jesus ... lose composure

Lk.10:17-20 (Gn.3:15)

Mk.3:22, enemies admit...

Mk.5, demons run...

Proves deity / power of Jesus

- How many demons does it take to oppress a man? **ONE**
- Why a legion?

Because Jesus is here.
This is a showdown.

Legion, greatest demoniac
of NT; intimidated by One.

Proves deity / power of Jesus

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Legion mocks chains; Christ defeats them with a Word.

Bow / beg before Master.
Can we do better? 2 Co.5:10

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II. Power of Savior

III. Passion for Souls

Jesus lets demons enter pigs

- Proves to witnesses they left the man to...
 1. Evidence His power
 2. Establish His deity
 3. Encourage their submission

Jesus lets demons enter pigs

Jesus lets rude people send Him away

- Could have sent them to torment
- They tolerate demons, not Jesus
- They love pigs more than souls

1. Ps.106:15

2. Lk.23:34

3. Jn.15:23-25

4. 2 Pt.3:9

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Jesus does not let demoniac go with Him

- He must preach Christ
- Demoniac in misery, first receives mercy, then a mission
- His changed life pictures what Jesus can do for all
- Greatest demoniac of NT becomes preacher of salvation to ten cities – first apostle to gentiles: Mk.7

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▪ Greatest victory of passage:

1. Jesus over Legion?

2. Man's release from Legion?

3. Opening hearts of prejudiced people so they can come to Jesus.

Lessons

1. Jesus is demons' worst nightmare; they know 'how the story ends' (7).
2. Those who love this world's goods push Christ away so He will not interfere with their worldly plans (17).
3. To some, He is only the Judge; to others, the Savior (19).
4. Each of us can tell 'our people' the great things Jesus has done for us (20).