

4 ³⁵On that day, when evening came, He said to them, "Let's go over to the other side."

³⁶After dismissing the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat, just as he was;

and other boats were with Him. ³⁷And a fierce gale of wind developed, and the

waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling with water.

³⁸And yet, Jesus himself was in the stern,

asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?”³⁹ And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Hush, be still.” And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.⁴⁰ And He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?”⁴¹ They became very much afraid and said to one another, “Who, then, is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?”

5 ¹They came to the other side of the sea, into the region of the Gerasenes. ²When He got out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him. ³He lived among the tombs; and no one was able to bind him anymore, not even with a chain, ⁴because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces;

and no one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵Constantly, night and day, he was screaming among the tombs and in the mountains, and cutting himself with stones. ⁶Seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him; ⁷and shouting with a loud voice, he said, "What business do You have with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!"

⁸For He had already been saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!”

⁹And He was asking him, “What is your name?” And he said to Him, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” ¹⁰And he begged Him earnestly not to send them out of the region. ¹¹Now there was a large herd of pigs feeding nearby on the mountain. ¹²And the demons begged Him, saying, “Send us into the pigs so that we may enter them.”

13 Jesus gave them permission. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the pigs; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand of them; and they were drowned in the sea.

14 Their herdsmen ran away and reported it in the city and the countryside. And the people came to see what it was that had happened. 15 And then they came to Jesus and saw the man who had been demon-possessed sitting down, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had previously had the “legion”; and they became frightened.

16 Those who had seen it described to them how it had happened to the demon-possessed man, and all about the pigs. 17 And they began to beg Him to leave their region. 18 And as He was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed was begging Him that he might accompany Him.

19 And He did not let him, but He said to him, “Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you.” 20 And he went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.