

## Message Notes

From Fear to Faith: Jesus over the devil

## Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

### Introduction

**Where we've been:** Soils, lamps, and storms

**Today's Message: Luke 8:26-39**  
**From Fear to Faith:**  
**Jesus over the devil**

A short note on demons

### The setting

Luke 8:26

### The man's condition

Luke 8:27b, 29

This is bigger than one man

### Recognition of Jesus

Luke 8:28

The demons, not the disciples, know the answer to the question!

### An exorcism

Luke 8:30-32

### Proof of the exorcism

Luke 8:33

### The people's reaction

Luke 8:34-37

### What's next for this guy?

Luke 8:38-39

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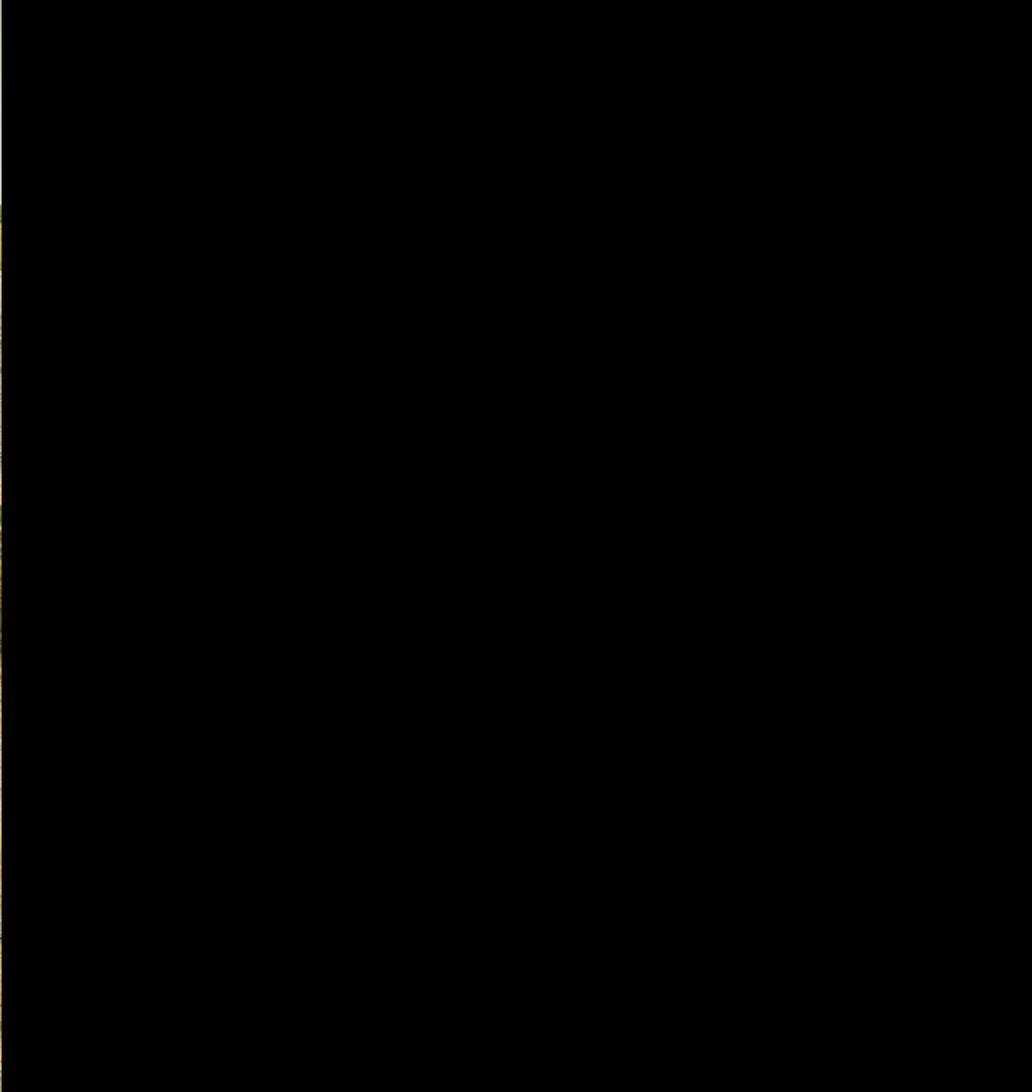
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The Gospel of  
**LUKE**

The King and His Kingdom  
Luke 3:21 to Luke 9:50







**Faulty premise:**

**If Jesus loves me – truly loves me –  
He won't let me go through anything bad.**

## Luke 8:22-25

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. 25 “Where is your faith?” he asked his disciples.

The word of God is being proclaimed in deeds of power, and people do respond differently – with fear and amazement, with fear and rejection, with the desire to join Jesus' band of disciples and obedience, with faith, and with astonishment.

Joel B. Green,  
*The Gospel of Luke*, (pp. 330–334).  
Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.



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There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist and magician with the same delight.

C.S. Lewis, Preface to *The Screwtape Letters*



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This poor, naked man was a mass of bleeding lacerations, scabs, infections, and scar tissue, living in a delirium of pain and masochistic displeasure. The man was wild, naked, unkempt, and ill, and as a result all were against him...In his lucid moments he surely realized how repulsive, unloved, and unwelcome he was. He was dehumanized, animalized, marginalized, and both frightening and fearful.

R. Kent Hughes,  
Luke: That You May Know the Truth, Preaching the Word



The destructive power of the demonic on this man could hardly be portrayed more strikingly. Completely displaced from his community, living among the tombs, he might as well be dead. Moreover, the repetition of the words “demon,” “demons,” and “unclean spirit” (point to) the development of this scene as an encounter of cosmic proportions.

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In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.”

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# **“The Abyss”**

**Matthew 25:41**

41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’”

# “The Abyss”

## 2 Peter 2:4

4 For God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment...

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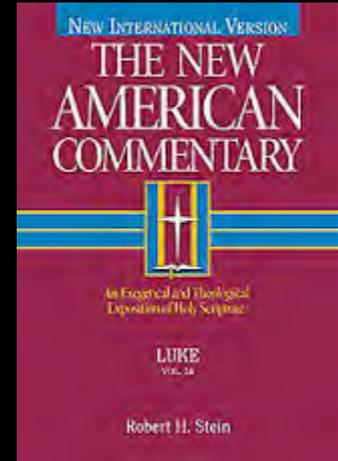
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Instead of being driven by the demon, he was “sitting”; instead of being without clothes, he was “dressed”; instead of being among the tombs, he was “at Jesus’ feet”; and instead of being “chained hand and foot and kept under guard”, he was “in his right mind”. This, even more than the drowning of the swine, demonstrates that the demons had left him. The demons’ prisoner had been freed from their oppression.

R.H. Stein,  
*Luke* (Vol. 24, pp. 217–221),  
Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers



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