

Steve Greenberg's Handout, Sunday Morning, November 30, 2025

Week 19: Luke 8:16-39 Demon Possessed Man, Set Free

Luke 8:16-18 The Parable of the Revealed Light (Parallel passage: Mark 4:21-25)

Luk 8:16 "No one, when he has lit (lights) a lamp, covers it with a vessel (or bowl to hide it) or puts it under a bed, but (or instead) sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light (truth of God's word) (so those who receive God's truth are meant to shine it, so others may see and come to know the truth also).

Cross-reference:

Mat 5:14 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Luk 8:17 For nothing is secret that will not be revealed (eventually exposed), nor anything hidden (concealed) that will not be known and come to light (come out into the open, so all will know).

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (When Scripture exposes your heart, it is not to condemn you, but to heal, correct, restore, and bring you closer to God). (When you read the Word it reads your heart, This means the Word doesn't just inform you. It exposes you, reveals you, searches you, and confronts what's inside you, it also encourages, love, provides truth, directs promises and blesses you)

Heb 4:13 And there is no creature (all created being, creation) hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account (The written Word (Scripture) and the living Word (Christ) will both expose what is truly inside a person).

Gal 6:7-8 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

Gal 6:8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Luk 8:18 Therefore, take heed how you hear (listen carefully). For whoever has (listens and applies my teaching), to him more (understanding) will be given; and whoever does not have (a longing for truth & Jesus), even what he seems to have (or thinks he has), will be taken from him.

Parallel passage:

Mar 4:24 Then He(Jesus) said to them, "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use (to study spiritual truth & apply it), it will be measured to you (you will be given greater ability to understand more & respond); and to you who hear, more will be given.

Mar 4:23 "If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear (what the Spirit is saying)"

Luke 8:19-21 Jesus' Mother and Brothers Come to Him (Matt. 12:46-50, Mark 3:31-35)

Christ's True Family

Luk 8:19 Then His(Jesus) mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him(Jesus), because of the crowd.

Luk 8:20 And it was told Him(Jesus) by some, who said, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring (or wanting) to see You."

Luk 8:21 But He(Jesus) answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God (God's Word) and do it (put into practice)."

Cross-reference:

Jas 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves (those who fail to allow it change their actions).

Jas 1:25 But he (or she) who looks into the perfect law of liberty (Word of God) and continues in it, and is not a forgetful (or careless) hearer but a doer of the work (obeys & lives it out), this one will be blessed in what he does (God will bless the life which walks in spirit lead and empowered obedience by faith).

True relationship with Jesus is proven by doing God's word, not doing what you hear from Gods Word is disobedience and exposes pride and self-deception.

Luke 8:22-25 Wind and Wave Obey Jesus (Matt. 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41) The Storm is Stilled & Calm

Luk 8:22 Now it happened, on a certain day, that He(Jesus) got into a boat with His disciples. And He(Jesus) said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side (east side) of the lake (Sea of Galilee)." And they launched out (set sail).

Luk 8:23 But as they sailed He(Jesus) fell asleep (took a nap, you can see His humanity, He was tired). And a windstorm (violent, fierce storm) came down on the lake, and they were filling with water (swamped, water in boat), and were in jeopardy (danger).

Luk 8:24 And they came to Him(**Jesus**) and awoke Him, saying (**shouting**), "Master, Master, we are perishing (**panicking said we are drowning & going to die**)!" Then He(**Jesus**) arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water (**violent waves**). And they (**wind & waves**) ceased (**stopped**), and there was a calm (**Lit a calm occurred, a sudden supernatural peacefulness**).

Luk 8:25 But He(**Jesus**) said to them, "**Where is your faith (I am with you where is your confidence in Me)**?" And they were afraid, and marveled (**astonished**), saying to one another, "Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water (**waves**), and they obey Him!"

Lessons to learn:

Jesus wants us to grow and trust in Him, Rom 10:17 So then faith (**greater trust**) comes by hearing, and hearing by (**agreeing & obeying**) the word of God.

Keep your faith and confidence in Jesus even when circumstances look impossible, dangerous and possible deadly.

Jesus reveals His divine identity only God can command nature, Jesus does it with a word (Psalm 107:23–30).

Psa 107:23 Those who go down to the sea in ships, Who do business on great waters,

Psa 107:24 They see the works of the LORD, And His wonders in the deep.

Psa 107:25 For He commands and raises the stormy wind, Which lifts up the waves of the sea.

Psa 107:26 They mount up to the heavens, They go down again to the depths; Their soul melts because of trouble.

Psa 107:27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, And are at their wits' end.

Psa 107:28 Then they cry out to the LORD in their trouble, And He brings them out of their distresses.

Psa 107:29 He calms the storm, So that its waves are still.

Psa 107:30 - Then they are glad because they are quiet; So He guides them to their desired haven.

Luke 8:26-39 A Demon-Possessed Man, Healed (Matt. 8:28-9:1; Mark 5:1-20)

Luk 8:26 Then they (**Jesus & His disciples**) sailed to the country of the Gadarenes (**Gergesenes**), which is opposite (**across the lake on eastside**) Galilee.

Luk 8:27 And when He(**Jesus**) stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time (**possessed with demons**). And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs (**cemetery outside the town**). (**These probably were burial places natural caves in the hillside. Cave tombs often had two chambers, one of which remained empty as long as relatives were still alive. Such tombs frequently were used as shelter by lepers, demon possessed people, and the poor**).

Luk 8:28 When he (**demon possessed man**) saw Jesus, he cried out (**shouted with a frightened terrible voice**), fell down before Him (**in dread and terror, worshipped**), and with a loud voice (**shouting he**) said, "What have I to do with You (**a Heb idiom what do**

we have in common, why are you interfering with me, leave me alone), Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me (before my appointed time of judgment!)

Cross-reference:

Luk 4:33 Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon And he(demon possessed man) cried out with a loud voice,

Luk 4:34 saying, "Let us (demons) alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are--the Holy One of God!"

Luk 4:35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him.

Luk 8:29 For He(Jesus) had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it (demon, demons) had often seized him (taken control of him violently to harm), and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds (apparently with supernatural power) and was driven (or controlled) by the demon into the wilderness (isolated & desolate places).

Luk 8:30 Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he (demon within the man) said, "Legion," because many demons (no specific number) had entered him.

Here we see Jesus humanity, being led as the Spirit guided him, because drawing from His Deity He knew every demon by name.

Luk 8:31 And they (demons within the man), begged Him(kept begging, pleading) that He(Jesus) would not command them to go out into the abyss (bottomless pit, holding spot for Evil angels).

Luk 8:32 Now a herd of many swine (herd of pigs) was feeding there on the mountain. So they(demons) begged (pleaded with) Him(Jesus) that He(Jesus) would permit them(demons) to enter them(swine, pigs). And He(Jesus) permitted them (He gave them permission).

Notice they had to ask permission

Luk 8:33 Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine (pigs), and the herd ran violently down the steep place (bank) into the lake and drowned.

Luk 8:34 When those (herdsmen, business) who fed them (pigs) saw what had happened, they fled (spreading the news as they ran away) and told it in the city and in the country.

Luk 8:35 Then they(the people nearby) went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind (mentally healthy). And they were afraid.

Luk 8:36 They also who had seen it, told them by what means, he who had been demon-possessed, was healed (**by Jesus**).

Luk 8:37 Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him(**Jesus**) to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear (**their income, a miracle, the unknown brought fear**). And He(**Jesus**) got into the boat and returned (**west side of the Sea of Galilee**).

Luk 8:38 Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him(**kept begging Jesus**) that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying,

Luk 8:39 "**Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.**" And he (**the man from whom the demons had departed**) went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

Scripture teaches clearly and repeatedly that a true believer cannot be demon-possessed. A Christian can be tempted, oppressed, harassed, or attacked—but never indwelt or possessed by a demon.

A born again child of God cannot be demon possessed

1Jhn 4:4 You are of God, little children (**believers**), and have overcome them (**the devil and his demon agents**), because He who is in you, is greater than he (**Satan**) who is in the world (**under the world system, which is opposed to God**).

Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you

1Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

1Cor 6:18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

1Cor 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

1Cor 6:20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Belonging to Christ means demons have no ownership.

Eph 1:13 Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Eph 1:14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Believers Belong to Christ, Not Satan, No Biblical Example of a Demon-Possessed Believer.

1Cor 6:20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Believers Have Authority Over Demons, in Jesus and His protection

Mar 16:17 "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

Luk 10:19 "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

God Protects His Children

2Th 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.

Simple Biblical Chart for Christian to Stay Away From

<u>Category</u>	<u>Warning</u>	<u>Key Verse</u>
Sexual Immorality	Stay pure; no sex outside marriage	1 Cor 6:18
Lust / Pornography	Guard eyes & thoughts	Matt 5:28
Drunkenness	Be sober, clear-minded, stay out of bars	Eph 5:18
Sorcery, drugs	Recreational drugs, pot, mushrooms etc.	Deut 18:10–12
Idolatry	Don't put anything above God	1 John 5:21
Love of Money	Don't chase riches	1 Tim 6:10
Greed	Be content, not grasping for world things	Heb 13:5
Unforgiveness	Forgive quickly	Matt 6:14–15
Bitterness	Don't let resentment grow	Heb 12:15
Gossip / Slander	Watch your words	Eph 4:29
Anger Outbursts	Control your temper	Prov 29:11
Pride	Stay humble	James 4:6
Lying / Deception	Speak truth, don't be a liar untrustworthy	Eph 4:25
Bad Company	Wrong friends will corrupt you, deceived	1 Cor 15:33
Laziness, wasting time	Be diligent, work hard, be faithful	Prov 6:9–11

Simple Positive Chart

<u>Positive Habit</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Key Verse</u>
Love God	Put God first	Matt 22:37
Love Others	Treat others with kindness	John 13:34–35
Surrender each day	Crucify the flesh, walk in new nature	Luke 9:23
Pray Daily	Talk to God continually	1 Thess 5:17
Read the Word	Feed your spirit & soul	Josh 1:8
Obey God	Do what Scripture says	James 1:22
Walk in Faith	Trust God, not fear	Heb 11:6
Be Humble	Think less of self	Phil 2:3
Forgive Quickly	Release offenses	Eph 4:32
Give Generously	Share what you have	2 Cor 9:7
Serve Others	Be helpful and kind	Mark 10:45
Be Thankful	Practice gratitude , be thankful	1 Thess 5:18
Confess Sin	Keep a clean heart	1 John 1:9
Stay Pure	Keep mind and body clean	1 Tim 5:22
Be Diligent	Work hard for the Lord	Col 3:23
Walk in the Spirit	Live by the Spirit's power	Gal 5:22–23

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