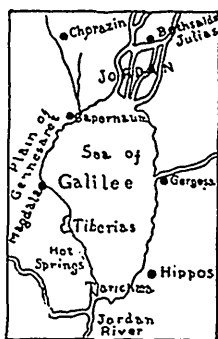


of that world. To torment us. It would be torment to them to be prevented from tormenting others. **Before the time**; when the devil and all his evil spirits shall be shut up in the fire prepared for them, ch. 25: 41; Jude 6; Rev. 20: 10. **An herd of many swine**; about two thousand, Mark says, Mark 5: 13. **Suffer (permit) us to go.. into the.. swine**; rather than send us back to the world of darkness whence we came.

32-34. And he said.. Go. We do not know why Jesus permitted the demons to go into the swine, so that these beasts **perished in the waters**; but we may be sure that One so good and wise as He had some worthy reason for what He did. **Went.. into the city**; Gergesa, which was close at hand. **Told every thing**; first what happened to the swine, and then about the salvation of the men. **Besought him that he would depart**; filled with awe by the miracle, and with dread because of the destruction of their property. The loss of two thousand swine meant more to them than the saving of a soul. Mark and Luke tell us that the one man whom they mention as freed from the demons' power begged to be allowed to go with Jesus; but Jesus bade him go to his own family and friends and tell them what had been done for him, Mark 5: 18-20; Luke 8: 38, 39.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



Along almost the whole of the eastern coast of the Lake of Galilee there is a broad level belt, half a mile or more wide in most parts, between the water and the hills. But at one point the hills come quite near to the water's edge. Just above this point are the ruins of Khersa, the walls of which can still be distinctly traced. This is the GERASA of the Gospel story. One can readily understand how a herd of animals, in a wild rush down the side of the hills, which here approach so near to the shore, would be precipitated into the sea. In the hills above are numbers of caves and also rock-hewn tombs in which the demoniacs may have lived.

LESSON QUESTIONS

23-25 Whence did Jesus set out with His disciples? Whither were they bound? Describe the storm that arose. What was Jesus doing? How did the disciples show their terror? What verses in Ps. 107 picture the Lord quieting a storm at sea? (Vs. 23-30.)

26, 27 How did Jesus rebuke the disciples' fear? How did He still the storm? What effect had this upon the disciples? Where did Paul comfort a shipwrecked company? (Acts 27: 21-26.)

28 To what place did Jesus and His disciples come? Who came to meet them as they landed? How, according to Mark, did the demonized men receive Jesus? How does Peter say God treated the angels that sinned? (2 Pet. 2: 4.)

29-31 Whom did the evil spirits recognize Jesus to be? What did they fear He had come to do? What did they ask?

32-34 What happened when their request was granted? Who were told of the miracle? What did they beg Jesus to do?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Jesus' authority over nature.
2. Asking Jesus to depart.

A LESSON FOR LIFE

A fierce fire was raging in one of our Canadian cities. In a certain home the belongings were being made ready for moving, so great was the danger of the fire's reaching the house. The father and mother were very anxious. But a little girl of the family said, "Don't be afraid, mother, the good God will take care of us." That is the secret of being free from fear, to trust in God's power and love that never fail.

Prove from Scripture—That trust drives away fear.
Shorter Catechism—Ques. 50. What is required in the second commandment? A. The second commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in His word.

The Question on Missions—11. What is the work of the student teachers? They teach in school sections which have been vacant, in some cases for four or five years. In addition to teaching in the day school, the student teachers conduct Sabbath Schools, and during the week take charge of prayer meetings and young people's societies.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How did Jesus still the storm?
2. By what title did the demons address Jesus?
3. In what way did the people of Gergesa treat Jesus?