

RULERS.—Same as before.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Christ omnipotent.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. Bondage.

Into what district did Jesus come when he entered the country of Gadara?

Why should he seek this country if he wished retirement?

What Oriental custom is faithfully recorded in ver. 2?

What was the character of the insanity presented by the poor wretch from the tombs?

Was this insanity like that of the present time? (If you can, consult a Bible dictionary or commentary.)

How did he know Jesus so quickly?

Was it this man's soul or body, or both, which were in bondage?

Would modern experience support such a statement as that in ver. 4?

What kind of conflict had begun the moment Jesus and the demoniac saw each other?

Of what sort of spiritual bondage is this a type? Rom. 7: 23; 2 Tim. 2: 26.

2. Freedom.

What was the result of the contest between these two great spiritual forces? (a) on the man; (b) on the swine; (c) on the people.

Of what is this result also a type? Rev. 20: 1-3.

What did these Gadarenes value most highly; a saved soul or earthly gain?

Can you think of any class of men to-day who care more for profit from business than for souls which their business destroys?

What kind of freedom was brought to this man?

What was his natural desire?

What is the desire of every soul that comes to a full experience of freedom in Christ?

What was the command of Jesus to this man?

Why did he command to publish his cure, when he had bade the leper keep silence as to his cure?

Practical Teachings.

This maniac is a picture of the sinner. Right sense of his condition, lost. Influence on all others, harmful. Beyond the reach of earthly help. His every act self-destructive. Society the worse for his life.

This soul set free by Christ is a picture of the true Christian. His mind and heart right, because surrendered to God. His influence, all points men to the Lord who hath saved him. His whole desire, to be with Christ. His acts, those of simple obedience.

See how fear of Jesus (ver. 7) becomes faith in Jesus (ver. 18).

Hints for Home Study.

1. Learn all you can about Perea.
2. Note the steps in this man's salvation. Learn them all. The hatman brought Christ where he was. He recognized Christ at once as his Master. He was in the terror of conviction for his evil possession. He surrendered to Christ's claim. He went out to work for others.
3. Find this story in Matthew 8: 28-34, and in Luke 8: 26-39.
4. Commit to memory the Golden Text and Luke 8: 39.
5. Learn what things in this story point out Jesus as the Son of God.
6. Write the story of the life of Jesus as you have studied it thus far in Mark.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. Bondage, vs. 1-13.

Where did Jesus go with his disciples?

What took place on the way? chap. 4: 37-39.

Whom did Jesus meet on the shore?

What showed the power of the evil spirit in this man?

How did the man show that he was unhappy?

Are there any people under Satan's power now?

What did Jesus say to the evil spirit?

What did the spirit say was his name?

How was the man set free from the evil spirits?

2. Freedom, vs. 14-30.

What showed that the man was now free?

Who had set him free?

How may men be freed from Satan's power?

What did the people of the place ask Jesus to do?

Why did they thus ask him?

What did the saved man ask that he might do?

Why do you suppose that Jesus would not grant his request?

What did Jesus say to him? (Golden Text.)

Teachings of the Lesson.

How do we learn from this lesson—

1. That we should keep Satan out of our hearts?
2. That Christ can cast out Satan?
3. That we should tell others what Christ has done for us?

Home Work for Young Bereans.

Find how the apostle Paul cast out an evil spirit from a woman.

Find how Jesus cast out an evil spirit from a girl at the prayer of her mother.

Find another miracle wrought by Jesus in the coasts of Decapolis.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Where is the country of the Gadarenes? On the east side of the Sea of Galilee.

Who came to this country? Jesus.

Who met him as soon as he left the ship? A man with an unclean spirit.

Where did this man live? Among the tombs.

What was he like? A madman.

Why were people afraid of him? Because he was fierce and violent.

What did he do when he saw Jesus? He ran and worshipped him.

What did he beg of Jesus? That he would not torment him.

To whom did Jesus speak? To the evil spirits.

What did he command them to do? To come out of the man.

What did the spirits ask? That they might go into a herd of swine.

What became of the swine? They ran into the sea, and were drowned.

How was the madman changed? He came to his right mind.

Who came out to see Jesus? The men from the city.

What did they ask him to do? To go away from their country.

Where did Jesus send the man who was cured? To his home, to tell what Jesus had done.

Words with Little People.

The Evil Spirit makes Violent, Unreasonable, Unnatural, Afraid of Jesus. The Good Spirit makes Gentle, Attractive, Quiet, Glad to be near Jesus. Which spirit do you want?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. Into what country did Jesus go? The country of Gadara.

2. What happened as soon as he landed? An incurable lunatic met him.

3. What was the result of the contest that followed between Jesus and the devils? The maniac was wholly cured.

4. What was the effect on the people whose swine the devils entered? They asked Jesus to depart.

5. What was the effect on the maniac? He prayed to stay with Jesus.

6. What did Jesus command him to do? "Go home to thy friends," etc.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

8. And what was the last and greatest proof? His rising from the dead, as he himself foretold.

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