

7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Je'sus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

8 (For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.)

9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.

10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

11 Now there was there, nigh unto the mountains, a great herd of swine feeding.

12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

13 And forthwith Je'sus gave them leave. And the unclean spirit went out, and entered into the swine; and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand,) and were choked in the sea.

14 And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.

15 And they come to Je'sus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

16 And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine.

17 And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.

18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.

19 Howbeit Je'sus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

20 And he departed, and began to publish in De-cap'o-lis how great things Je'sus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

9 forth, thou unclean spirit, out of the man. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he saith unto him, My name is Legion: for we are many. And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there on the mountain side a great herd of swine feeding. And they besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And he gave them leave. And the unclean spirits came out, and entered into the swine: and the herd rushed down the steep into the sea, in number about two thousand; and they were choked in the sea. And they that fed them fled, and told it in the city, and in country. And they came to see what it was that had come to pass. And they come to Je'sus, and behold him that was possessed with devils sitting, clothed and in his right mind, even him that had the legion: and they were afraid. And they that saw it declared unto them how it befell him that was possessed with devils, and concerning the swine. And they began to beseech him to depart from their borders. And as he was entering into the boat, he that had been possessed with devils besought him that he might be with him. And he suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go to thy house unto thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and how he had mercy on thee. And he went his way, and began to publish in De-cap'o-lis how great things Je'sus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

## INDUCTIVE NOTES.

### I. Study of General Features.

SEC. 1. In the Revised Version text given above underscore the words which denote the four chief actors, thus: ver. 2, "he," (a) Jesus; (b) "a man with an unclean spirit;" ver. 9, (c) the "Legion" of unclean spirits; ver. 17, "they," (d) the Gerasenes. Observe that in vers. 1-8 we have as actors (a) and (b), and write the title, Jesus and the Demoniac. In vers. 9-13 (a) and (c) appear; title, Jesus and the Legion. In vers. 14-17 (a) and (d) are prominent; title, The Gerasenes and Jesus. In vers. 18-20, (a) and (b) reappear; title, Jesus and the Demoniac.

SEC. 2. Note in vers. 2-5 description of (b) (four points). Write down these four facts about (b). In ver. 6, 7 note four acts of (b), and write down. In ver. 7, 8 note and write, in your own words, complaint and request of (b) and cause of same: namely, a command of (a). In ver. 9 write question of (a) and answer of (b) in other words than those of text. Carefully trace in a similar way in vers. 10-20 all the acts of (a), (b), (c), and (d) writing down and numbering the facts.

SEC. 3. Summarize the four divisions of the lessons in as many brief sentences, thus:

*Jesus meeting a violent demoniac bids the evil spirit come out; he permitted the Legion, on coming out, to enter a herd of swine, which was immediately destroyed; the Gerasenes, made acquainted with this and all else that had occurred, requested Jesus to depart from their country; on complying with their request he did not grant the petition of the healed demoniac, that he might go with him, but sent him home with a religious message to his friends.*

Make a still briefer statement:

*When Jesus had healed a violent demoniac and permitted swine to be destroyed at Gerasa he yielded to the entreaty of the citizens and departed.*

SEC. 4. Observe now the new feature which this incident adds to the growing story of the deeds of Jesus. In chap. 3, 6, the ruling party had become deadly hos-

tile, but (3, 7) the multitudes still heard him gladly. In chap. 4 the common people as a whole began to show apathy toward Jesus's teaching and must needs be addressed in parables. Here in chap. 5, 17 we see a further step in the same direction; namely, the same class rejecting, as in a little later (5, 40) they even scoff at Jesus as a worker of miracles. The dramatic effect of such a rejection is heightened from the fact that it follows so soon after the miracle of the stilling of the storm.

### II. Study of Details.

[Study parallel passages, Matt. 8, 28-34; Luke 8, 26-40; noting (a) variations, (b) additions, (c) omissions.]

I. Jesus and the Demoniac (vers. 1-8). 1. **Gerasenes.** The best authorities now agree with Thomson (*The Land and the Book*) on Gerasa, near Vady Semakh, opposite and a little north of Tiberias, as being the site of the "city" of ver. 14. 2. **He.** The pronoun carries the eye back to the chief actor in the preceding incident, so as to leave the disciples in the background. **Tombs.** The writer remembers seeing such tombs on the west side of the sea, a little south of Tiberias, with their openings in the face of the precipitous rock, and large enough to admit the stooping figure of a man. **A man.** Matthew, "Two" men. One, more conspicuous in act and speech than the other, perhaps, appears in the foreground. The other may have been unnoticed and unreported by some eye-witnesses. **Unclean.** See January JOURNAL, page 18, Mark 1, 23. 3. **Dwelling.** In Greek, his settled abode. This detail is given as a sign of his abnormal condition. **Any more.** **Bind him.** malady had gone on from bad to worse. **Bind him.** To prevent his going at large, and in his frenzy injuring people. Matthew, "No man could pass that way."

4. **Often.** Repeated attempts had been made to confine him. **Fetters.** Shackles for the feet. **Rent asunder.** Pulled to pieces, with the superhuman strength of a demoniac. **Tame.** He had the rude and dangerous strength of a wild animal, say a gorilla. 5. **Night.** His groans reverberated in the hollow burial chambers and along the rugged ravines of that region at midnight and at midday. **Casting himself.** Throwing himself in his convulsions on the sharp flints and pebbles, and thus bruising and gashing his flesh. 6. **Ran.** Naked (ver. 15), hair torn out by the roots, covered with scars and flesh wounds, filthy,