

A legion in the Roman army consisted of 6,000 men. Here, however, the word means simply a great number. It seemed to the man as if he were controlled by a multitude of demons, all, like a regiment of soldiers, obeying one master. **Besought him**, etc. They dreaded being sent back to hell, whence they had come. Vs. 11-17 tell how the demons, driven out of the man, were permitted to enter into a herd of swine, which was destroyed by them; how the people of the city came and saw the demoniac completely cured; and how, angry at the loss of their swine, they begged Jesus to go out of their country. They cared more for their swine than for the poor man whom Jesus had healed.

III. THE WITNESS.—18-20. Filled with gratitude, the cured man wishes to go with Jesus. But our Lord sends him to tell his own friends what He has done for him. He goes and tells the wonderful story throughout Decapolis ("the region of the Ten Cities"), a district south-east of the Lake of Galilee, of which the country of the Gerasenes was a part. All but one of the ten cities were East of the Jordan.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—A fierce demoniac healed, Mark 5: 1-10. **T.**—A fierce demoniac healed, Mark 5: 11-20. **W.**—The lunatic boy, Mark 9: 17-27. **Th.**—The word of authority, Luke 4: 33-37. **F.**—Greater than Satan, Matt. 12: 22-30. **S.**—In the name of Jesus, Acts 16: 13-18. **S.**—Saved by grace, Eph. 2: 1-10.

Prove from Scripture—That we should be witnesses for Jesus.

Shorter Catechism—*Ques. 16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?* A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him, by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

The Question on Missions—18. What is the missionary's work? He continues and completes the colporteur's work, preaching and ministering to the families that have accepted the gospel, and have consequently been forced to leave the Romish Church, and organizing them into mission stations and congregations.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 151 (Supplemental Lesson); 168; 126; 23 (Ps. Sel.); 562 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 216.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—How had Jesus just shown His power?

1-5 Whither did Jesus and His disciples go? Who met Jesus? Where did this man dwell? How was His strength manifested?

6-10 When did the man see Jesus? What did he do? What did he ask Jesus not to do? What order did Jesus give? What question did he ask? The answer?

11-17 Into what were the evil spirits sent? What happened to the swine? What did the owners ask Jesus to do?

18-20 What did the cured man wish to do? What did Jesus tell him to do?

Seniors and the Home Department—How had Jesus shown His power over nature?

1-5 Where is "the country of the Gadarenes"? Where is Satan likened to a strong man? (ch. 3: 27.) Show that Christ is stronger than Satan. (Heb. 2: 14, 15.)

6-17 Who did the demons believe Jesus to be? Did their belief save them? (James 2: 19.)

18-20 Show that the followers of Jesus are to be witnesses for Him. (Acts 1: 8.)

THE LESSON IN LIFE

1. The true man is never so happy as when he is doing hard things. It is the tasks that tax muscle or brain to the limit that give him the keenest joy. This delight in difficulties Jesus shares to the full. He can be glad with the strong, as well as tender with the weak.

2. Satan is the strongest person at work in the world except, Jesus Christ. Nothing can bind him or tame him, but the One who is stronger than he. There was no hope for this poor fellow until he met Christ, and there is none for us without Him.

3. Like birds that fly in flocks and wolves that hunt in packs, sins never go single. So that you cannot trust a liar nor believe a thief; for falsehood and dishonesty are never far apart.

4. Let one here and another there drop a pebble into the lake, and the circles formed will by and by meet. And let each of us try to make his heart and his home a better place, and it will not be long till the world is transformed.

5. S.S. stands for Sabbath School. The letters stand, too, for Salvation and Service. And every one who has received salvation should enter upon service.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How did the unclean spirit show its power?.....

2. How did Jesus show His power?.....

3. How did the cured man show his gratitude?.....