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THE GOSPEL OF **LUKE**

That you may have certainty!

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Who is your favorite Super Hero?
Which Super Hero is the most powerful?

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AUTHORITY OVER ALL

Luke 8:22-25
Luke 8:26-39
Luke 8:40-56

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AUTHORITY OVER NATURE

Luke 8:22-25

²² One day he and his disciples got into a boat, and he told them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake." So they set out, ²³ and as they were sailing he fell asleep. Then a fierce windstorm came down on the lake; they were being swamped and were in danger. ²⁴ They came and woke him up, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to die!"

Then he got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves. So they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵ He said to them, "Where is your faith?"

They were fearful and amazed, asking one another, "Who then is this? He commands even the winds and the waves, and they obey him!"

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Luke 8:22-25

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- **What is most noticeable to you about Jesus in this story?**
- **Very few words spoken by Jesus:**
 - ❖ A command with an implied promise
 - ❖ A question with an implicit challenge
- **How does this situation resemble everyday life for Christians today?**
 - ❖ Jesus gives us direction and purpose
 - ❖ He promises to be with us always
 - ❖ He doesn't promise us smooth seas
 - ❖ God is always in control
- **What does this story teach us about Jesus?**

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AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS

Luke 8:26-39

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²⁶ Then they sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ When he got out on land, a demon-possessed man from the town met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes and did not stay in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before him, and said in a loud voice, "What do you have to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torment me!" ²⁹ For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was guarded, bound by chains and shackles, he would snap the restraints and be driven by the demon into deserted places.

³⁰ "What is your name?" Jesus asked him.

"Legion," he said, because many demons had entered him.

³¹ And they begged him not to banish them to the abyss.

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³² A large herd of pigs was there, feeding on the hillside. The demons begged him to permit them to enter the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³ The demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

³⁴ When the men who tended them saw what had happened, they ran off and reported it in the town and in the countryside. ³⁵ Then people went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man the demons had departed from, sitting at Jesus's feet, dressed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Meanwhile, the eyewitnesses reported to them how the demon-possessed man was delivered. ³⁷ Then all the people of the Gerasene region asked him to leave them, because they were gripped by great fear. So getting into the boat, he returned.

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³⁸ The man from whom the demons had departed begged him earnestly to be with him. But he sent him away and said, ³⁹ "Go back to your home, and tell all that God has done for you." And off he went, proclaiming throughout the town how much Jesus had done for him.

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Luke 8:26-39

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- **Jesus had cast out demons before, what's so significant about this incident?**
 - ❖ Occurs in Gentile territory (missional)
 - ❖ Multiple demons exorcised
- **How did the demons respond to Jesus?**
 - ❖ Recognized His authority
 - ❖ Bowed to Him out of respect
 - ❖ Begged for mercy
 - ❖ Obeyed His command
- **How did the Legion respond to Jesus?**
 - ❖ Resumed normal daily life
 - ❖ Earnestly begged to stay with Jesus
 - ❖ Obeyed Jesus' command to testify

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- **How did the townspeople respond?**
 - ❖ They were afraid
 - ❖ Asked Jesus to leave
- **How did Jesus respond?**
 - ❖ He left because the people rejected Him
 - ❖ He did not force people to believe
 - ❖ He did not force people to obey
- **What does this story teach us about Jesus?**

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AUTHORITY OVER SICKNESS AND DEATH

Luke 8:40-56

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⁴⁰ When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. ⁴¹ Just then, a man named Jairus came. He was a leader of the synagogue. He fell down at Jesus's feet and pleaded with him to come to his house, ⁴² because he had an only daughter about twelve years old, and she was dying.

While he was going, the crowds were nearly crushing him. ⁴³ A woman suffering from bleeding for twelve years, who had spent all she had on doctors and yet could not be healed by any, ⁴⁴ approached from behind and touched the end of his robe. Instantly her bleeding stopped.

⁴⁵ "Who touched me?" Jesus asked.

When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds are hemming you in and pressing against you."

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⁴⁶ "Someone did touch me," said Jesus. "I know that power has gone out from me." ⁴⁷ When the woman saw that she was discovered, she came trembling and fell down before him. In the presence of all the people, she declared the reason she had touched him and how she was instantly healed. ⁴⁸ "Daughter," he said to her, "your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

⁴⁹ While he was still speaking, someone came from the synagogue leader's house and said, "Your daughter is dead. Don't bother the teacher anymore."

⁵⁰ When Jesus heard it, he answered him, "Don't be afraid. Only believe, and she will be saved." ⁵¹ After he came to the house, he let no one enter with him except Peter, John, James, and the child's father and mother. ⁵² Everyone was crying and mourning for her. But he said, "Stop crying, because she is not dead but asleep."

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⁵³ They laughed at him, because they knew she was dead.
⁵⁴ So he took her by the hand and called out, "Child, get up!"
⁵⁵ Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he gave orders that she be given something to eat. ⁵⁶ Her parents were astounded, but he instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

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- **What is the significance of Jairus coming to Jesus for help with his daughter?**
 - ❖ Jairus was a Jewish leader
 - ❖ Jews were starting to acknowledge Jesus
 - ❖ This enraged the Pharisees even more
- **Why was the woman trembling in fear when she fell down before Jesus?**
 - ❖ She was ceremonially unclean (Lev. 15:25-30)
 - ❖ Anyone who touched her would be unclean
- **Why did Jesus ask, "Who touched me?" Didn't He not know?**
 - ❖ He wanted the woman to reveal herself
 - ❖ He wanted her to openly express her faith

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- What healed and saved the woman?
- What was necessary for Jairus' daughter to be healed/raised?
- How did Jairus demonstrate faith in Jesus?
 - ❖ He allowed Jesus to enter his house after He had touched an unclean woman.
- What does this story teach us about Jesus?

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AUTHORITY OVER ALL (MIRACLES THAT TESTIFY TO JESUS' POWER)



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DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- **Jesus' comprehensive power and authority over all things is unique, exclusive and absolute.**
- **What He promises, He will do, and His mighty works provide opportunities for people to see God.**
- **Jesus is worthy of our trust and He calls upon us to have faith in Him and His power to heal and save.**
- **Faith, even timid faith, has importance and can mobilize God.**
- **Where is your faith?**