

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

July 27, 2008
10:30 a.m.

Important Question: "Why was there so much demonic activity while Jesus was on earth as compared to other times in the Bible?"

I. INCARNATE GOOD MEETS INDWELT EVIL

Luke 8:26-39

A. *The Portrait of Satan's Reign of Sin.*

Luke 8:26-29

Luke tells us four things about this demon possessed man.

First, *he was naked and had been for a long time.*

Second, he was *not living in a house*, but in the tombs among the dead.

Third, *he had supernatural and bestial strength* that enabled him to break all the restraints placed upon him.

Fourth, he was *driven by the demon to dwell in a solitary place.*

The impact of the reign of Satan/sin in a person's life is absolutely dehumanizing.

B. *The Portrait of Jesus' Saving Power.*

Luke 8:28-29a, 30-35.

1. Jesus' Saving power on display.

Three things stand out about Jesus and His saving power in this confrontation with the demonized man.

First, is the demons ability to recognize and identify Jesus for who He is.

The Second thing we need to see is *Jesus' power over the demons*

The third thing we need to see here is *Jesus' authority over the demons..*

2. Jesus' Saving purpose is witnessed by the complete transformation of the man.

Luke 8:35; Luke 8:38

C. *The Portrait of our Compassionate Savior.*

Luke 8:28,38-39

Why did Jesus **take** His disciples to visit this demon possessed man?

1st So that they would know that He is the Savior, the Son of the MOST HIGH God!

2nd So that they would know He is a Compassionate Savior who seeks out the lost.

Luke 9:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.