

## **The Confrontation**

### **Luke 8:22-38**

LG Questions for 01/31/2010

#### **Getting Started**

Have you ever been overwhelmed by events you couldn't control only to end up feeling as if you were in the middle of a storm on the edge of being consumed by it? How did you get through it? What were some of the reasons this storm came into your life (Choices, God, demonic, etc)? How was your faith adjusted after making it through the storm?

#### **Getting Into the Bible**

1) Read **Luke 8:22-25**. Why do you suppose this storm arose during the crossing and how is it possible that Jesus slept through it? Why did Jesus challenge his disciple's faith after He calmed the storm?

2) Read **Luke 8:26-30**. What was the demon-possessed man's life like (See Mark 5:1-5)? How did the demon-possessed man respond to Jesus? Why did Jesus ask the demon's name (See **Mark 5:8-9**)? (A Roman Legion was the most feared fighting machine of antiquity consisting of 5,600 soldiers) What does the demon's answer reveal to us?

3) Read **Luke 8:31-33**. Why did the demons beg Jesus not to order them into the Abyss? (See **Rev. 9:1, 20:1-3 & Mark 5:7**) Praise God, there is a place where even demons fear to go. What does this tell us about doing spiritual warfare against harassing demons? Can we as Christians ask Jesus to send harassing demons to the Abyss? Why or why not?

4) Read **Luke 8:34-38**. What was the reaction to this event from the people living in that region? Why? Often Jesus asked those that he healed to be quiet about the healing, but he told this man to tell others about it (39). Why? If Jesus touched your life, would he ask you to be quiet about it or tell others about it?

#### **Discussion:**

Do you believe that demons are real and active today? What are the powers of evil that hold people in bondage in our day and age?