

A sunset over a rocky coastline. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the water and rocks. In the foreground, there are dark, jagged rocks. In the background, there are cliffs with a few small figures standing on top. The word "JESUS" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the top. The letter 'S' in the middle is replaced by a silhouette of Jesus with his arms outstretched.

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ARE OUR LIVES MODELED AFTER HIM?

Luke 8:26 39

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Key points

1. Jesus saw **demons as real**.
2. He came to **do something** about them.
3. How might we **learn** from the man?
4. All Jesus needed was “**Jesus.**”
5. Jesus’ **presence** “flushed” the darkness.
6. Jesus saw the **oppressed with compassion and grace**.

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What are “demons,” biblically?

- OT - Deut 32:17, Ps 106:37; Lev 17:7 (sa'ir)
- NT –
 - A. evil or “unclean” spirits aligned w satan
 - B. fallen angels; Jude 1:6, 2 Peter 2:4
 - C. “spirits” worshiped thru idols. 1 Cor 10:20-21

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What is the “Abyss”

- A. The abyss is here the **place of containment** and **ultimate judgment** of the rebellious spirits (cf. Rev 9:1–2, 11; 11:7; 2 Pet 2:4; Jude 6). Nolland, J. (1989). (Vol. 35A, p. 414). Dallas: Word, Incorporated.
- B. Jail (Abyss) vs roaming in search of a “host.”
Luke 11:25

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1. Jesus saw demons as real.

1. He **dialogued** with a demon. Lk 8:30
2. He **rebuked** demons. Luke 4:35, Mt 17:18
3. He “**delivered**” people from them. Luke 11:20, Mk 1:25, 9:25, 16:9, etc.

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2. Jesus came to do something about them.

- 1 Jn. 3:8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. **The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.**
- Luke 8:35, 4:18

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2. Jesus came to do something about them.

- **Heb. 2:14** Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, **that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,**

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3. How **can we learn** from the man's condition?

- 1 Cor. 10:20-21 No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice, they offer to demons and not to God. **I do not want you to be participants with demons.** ²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

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4. All Jesus needed was
“Jesus.”

- **Lk. 8:27** When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. ... I beg you, do not torment me.”²⁹ For he **had commanded the unclean spirit to come out** of the man.

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5. Jesus' presence "flushed" the darkness.

- Lk. 8:27-28 When Jesus had stepped out on land, **there met him** a man from the city who had demons. ...²⁸ **When he saw Jesus**, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me."

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6. Jesus saw the oppressed
with **compassion** and
grace.

1. Dehumanized. Self destructive.
2. Kept company with the dead, not the living.
3. Superhuman strength.
4. Knowledge that others did not – Son of God.
5. He is afraid of Jesus.