**How Much Can Jesus Change You?**

Luke 8:26-56

**Luke 8:26 (ESV)**Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.

**Luke 8:27 (ESV)**When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs.

**Luke 8:28 (ESV)**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.”

**Luke 8:29 (ESV)**For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.)

**1. Jesus has the power to change your identity.**

**Luke 8:30 (ESV)**Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him.

**Luke 8:31 (ESV)**And they begged Him not to command them to depart into the abyss.

**Luke 8:32 (ESV)**Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged Him to let them enter these. So He gave them permission.

**Luke 8:33 (ESV)**Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

**Luke 8:35 (ESV)**Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.

**Luke 8:38 (ESV)**The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Him, but Jesus sent him away, saying,

**Luke 8:39 (ESV)**“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**2. Jesus has the power to change your reality.**

**Luke 8:43 (ESV)**And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone.

**Luke 8:44 (ESV)**She came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased.

**Luke 8:45 (ESV)**And Jesus said, “Who was it that touched Me?” When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds surround You and are pressing in on You!”

**Luke 8:46 (ESV)**But Jesus said, “Someone touched Me, for I perceive that power has gone out from Me.”

**Luke 8:47 (ESV)**And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed.

**Luke 8:48 (ESV)**And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”

**Psalm 50:15 (ESV)**Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”

**3. Jesus has the power to change your destiny.**

**Luke 8:49 (ESV)**While He was still speaking, someone from the ruler’s house came and said, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more.”

**Luke 8:50 (ESV)**But Jesus on hearing this answered him, “Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well.”

**Luke 8:51 (ESV)**And when He came to the house, He allowed no one to enter with Him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child.

**Luke 8:52 (ESV)**And all were weeping and mourning for her, but He said, “Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping.”

**Luke 8:53 (ESV)**And they laughed at Him, knowing that she was dead.

**Luke 8:54 (ESV)**But taking her by the hand He called, saying, “Child, arise.”

**Luke 8:55 (ESV)**And her spirit returned, and she got up at once. And He directed that something should be given her to eat.

**Luke 8:56 (ESV)**And her parents were amazed, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

**Ephesians 2:4 (ESV)**But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us,

**Ephesians 2:5 (ESV)**even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.