"My name is Legion"

And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea. And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine. And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts. And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

(Mar 5:1-19)

The above is of the most troubling, informative and interesting things that happened in the life of Christ. On the surface it just seems like one of the many times Christ cast out demons (fallen angels and other dark spirits). Here we meet a man who hung out in graveyards, who had incredible strength so that he could break chains and no one could
restrain him. In addition, he would cut himself with stones and cry out as if in some kind of suicidal frenzy. But here is where most folks miss the most interesting part, the man who was possessed of the unclean spirits saw Christ from afar, fell down and worshiped him and begged Jesus not to torment him before the time.

The demons knew exactly who Jesus was and rather than rail against him in acts of blasphemy, they worshiped him. Why? I will get to this answer in a moment, first let us look at these spirits.

1) First off this man was possessed with at least 2000 unclean spirits (the number of swine destroyed). The spirits identified themselves as 'Legion' which is a Roman military unit made up of about 5000 men. This man was filled with demons and his strange and violent actions surely told those around him that something was clearly not right with him.
2) They begged Jesus to be let go to posses the pigs who were nearby.
3) The pigs once possessed began to engage in the same kind of self destructive behavior that the recently freed man did and promptly ran over the side of a cliff.

What this incident tells us is that the devils know who Christ is. What we see here is that this particular variety of evil spirit was still capable of roaming the earth. Others we know have already been put into everlasting chains.

*And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.*

*(Jud 1:6)*

*For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;*

*(2Pe 2:4)*

Here we see the Angels who sinned against God in the beginning and later sinned were confined by the Lord until the day of Judgment. The first class of them are those who fell with Lucifer before man was created, the second class are those Angels who sinned against women in the days of Enoch and Noah, before the flood. While many do not quite understand what was going on here as it just assaults people's semi-biblical theology a through exposition of the terms and usage used in the passage make it pretty clear. It appears that these two groups went into everlasting chains. Indeed some of the more powerful spirits are chained up along the river Euphrates and will be unleashed to kill one third of man (Rev 9:14ff).

What do we glean from this? First that these evil spirits are bent on destruction. Notice the end result of them all; the man who cut himself with stones, the pigs who ran over
the cliff and the demons who will be unleashed at the river Euphrates (in Iraq) for the express purpose of killing men and note the theme here. We can summarize it this way: Demonic influence = kill and destroy.

The desire to destroy includes the desire for SELF destruction. When we see these traits in people or institutions we need to understand that often there is a spiritual reason for it, for Satan comes only to steal, kill and destroy. Men who are bent on destruction, war, killing and death are serving a spirit. From the use of involuntary methods of birth control to proxy wars, genetically manufactured diseases to terrorist attacks; those who engage in these things are serving a spirit and the vast majority do not even know it. I ask you to look around our world and begin to see things with this information firmly in mind. What is the goal of this spirit? In a nutshell, it is death. This is the agenda of the fallen ones, they seek to kill man wherever he might be found. Like some kind of parasite, it latches on to a powerful host and gets it to do its bidding. It may be a bank, a private medical research company, a national military, a private mercenary company, or an individual but the goal is essentially the same; find humans and kill them.

This has particularly been the case since the beginning of the 20th Century. Wars of every stripe have been fought from the rudimentary days of bio and chemical warfare of WWI to to the more sophisticated instruments of death we see today, the end result is always dead sons of men. Brethren, the weapons of destruction are getting more and more sophisticated with each passing day.

So who were those spirits whom Christ actually had mercy on and allowed to posses the swine? Opinions differ but my own studies lead me to conclude that these are the spirits of the offspring of the days when the Sons of God mated with the daughters of men. Why did Christ have mercy on them? Because they were born into a situation where they never had any chance for salvation. Christ's death on the cross is only for the son's of men, not these hybrid creatures, who were born and will ever remain fallen.

When one prays on and considers these matters, versus like the following one take on a whole new meaning.

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; (Heb 2:1-3)

This is written so that we all may know the spirit that is in the world and the spirit that
shall surely be given power over the whole earth for 42 months. We who know our God must be aware and prepared. God would not have us unaware of the times or of the wiles of our enemy. These things are directly related to the coming of our Lord we must not be ignorant of Satan and his works. Let us not partake of evil deeds and let us learn to forgive those who have wronged us.

*And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.*

(Luk 21:34-35)

*Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.*

(2Co 2:11)

So let us all walk in a way that is circumspect, knowing what is happening around us in this world, with full understanding of our place in Christ and the times in which we live. Let us not be like those who have turned back and are in a worse state that before they were saved.

*When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.*

(Mat 12:43-45)

This generation will fare no better for we shall certainly see great wickedness and great cruelty when the final form of the Antichrist system arrives. In closing I ask you to go back and find out what the residents of this community did with Jesus after he cast out 2000 devils.

Let us all watch and pray as our Lord commanded us so that we may be accounted worthy to stand before the Son of Man in white.

I hope this helps many of you. Please get in your prayer closet about it if you are unsure about any part of it.

May God grant those who love our Lord grace and peace and may he light your path with wisdom and love.
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