LUKE Lesson 22

The Maniac of Gadara (Luke 8:31-34), Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter (Luke 8:41-56)

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The Bible account of the man possessed with a legion of devils provides us with a picture of our own salvation. The Lord Jesus delivered him from a life controlled by the Devil. Jesus delivered us from a life controlled by sin. Today we'll look at the parallels between this man's salvation (temporal) and our salvation (eternal).

1. HE COULD SEE WHAT HIS TROUBLES WERE When the pigs ran off the cliff and drowned, he was assured his trouble was gone for good. The sight of the pigs' violent end prevented the man from wanting to follow them in an attempt to get his old life back.	1. WE CAN SEE WHAT OUR TROUBLE WAS The Holy Spirit shows us the wreck and ruin caused by sin in our life. We understand the damage sin does in our life and we're glad to be rid of it.
2. THE PIGS WENT DOWN A STEEP PLACE It revealed to the man where he was headed before Jesus rescued him.	2. THE LOST PERSON IS DESCENDING QUICKLY TO HELL, BUT DOESN'T PERCEIVE IT When Jesus opened your eyes, you became aware of your previous destination; the pits of Hell. Psalm 73:2
3. THOSE DEVILS WERE GONE FOR GOOD This was evident by the fact that the pigs were drowned in the sea, never to return.	3. MY SINS ARE GONE FOR GOOD When Jesus took my sins away, I was no longer condemned by them. Isaiah 38:17, Hebrews 8:12, 10:17
4. THE PIGS WENT INTO THE SEA	4. JESUS CAST MY SINS INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA (Micah 7:19) Rom 8:1

THE WOMAN WITH AN ISSUE OF BLOOD

- **41-43** The daughter of Jairus was 12 years old. After 12 years of good health, she "lay a dying." The woman with an "issue of blood" was sick for 12 years. Jesus can take care of both problems.
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- **Vs 44** The woman touched the hem of Jesus' garment and was healed instantly.
- **45-46** Jesus knew that virtue had gone out of Him, but it seems that it happened without Him consciously dispensing it upon the woman. This is a great mystery.
- Vs 47 The woman openly confesses that she was healed by touching Jesus' garment. Public confession always follows whenever Jesus touches a person's life.

Vs 48 Jesus told the woman, "Thy faith hath made thee whole." The Lord still heals today. We ought to always "ask in faith" (James 1:6) because "the prayer of faith shall save the sick" (James 5:15). Sometimes the Lord allows a sickness to stay with us for our benefit, or for the benefit of someone else (2 Cor 12:7-9, Gal 4:13), but before we decide that God wants us to be sick, we ought to always pray and make sure. God may want to heal you unto His glory.

JESUS RAISES JAIRUS' DAUGHTER

- **VS 49** The ruler of the synagogue's daughter was pronounced dead. They didn't know that Jesus is the resurrection and the life (Jn 11:25). He's not just a religious leader. He is the one who can "make alive" (Deut 32:39).
- 50-53 The people surrounding the house knew that the girl was dead. When Jesus promised that she would be made whole, the people "laughed him to scorn," revealing their unbelief. Only believers were allowed to witness His great miracle. We've got to walk by faith, not by sight (2 Cor 5:7).

54-55 Jesus called to the girl (not to her body) and commanded her to arise. He commands the spirits because He is the "Father of spirits" (Heb 12:9). She arose instantly, and Jesus commanded them to feed her. He took care of her spiritual need and her practical need.

VS 56 Jesus told the parents "that they should tell no man what was done." This is early in Christ's ministry. He's just raised the daughter of a "ruler of the synagogue." If word gets out, it could either hasten His death or His coronation before the appointed time and make it more difficult for Christ to follow His course and fulfil many prophecies.