

THE KING'S AUTHORITY OVER THE SUPERNATURAL
(Matthew 8:28-34)

- I. The ANTAGONISM of the DEMONS (Matt. 8:28-31)
 - A. The RECEPTION by the demons (8:28)
 - 1. Where they were LIVING
 - a. The EASTERN shore of the Sea of Galilee
 - b. Among the TOMBS
 - 2. What they were DOING
 - a. “DEMONIZING” two men in particular
 - b. TERRORIZING the community
 - B. The RECOGNITION by the demons (8:29)
 - 1. Whom they came to MEET
 - a. INTENTIONALLY approached JESUS
 - b. IDENTIFIED Him as the “SON OF GOD”
 - 2. What they wanted to KNOW
 - a. WONDERED what BUSINESS He had with them
 - b. WORRIED what PLANS He had for them
 - C. The REQUEST of the demons (8:30-31)

1. What they KNEW He would DO: EXPEL them
2. What they HOPED He would PERMIT: Enter the PIGS

II. The AUTHORITY of the KING (Matt. 8:32)

A. The DEPARTURE of the demons

1. ACCOMPLISHED by a SINGLE WORD
2. EVIDENCED by the RESULT

B. The DESTRUCTION of the pigs

1. Proved the MALICE of the DEMONS
2. Proved the POWER of the KING
 - a. The ULTIMATE OWNER of ANIMALS
 - b. The SOVEREIGN MASTER of DEMONS
 - c. The MERCIFUL SAVIOR of HUMANS

III. The ATTITUDE of the PEOPLE (Matt. 8:33-34)

A. The REPORT of the herdsmen

1. What happened to the PIGS
2. What happened to the MEN

B. The RESPONSE of the townsmen

1. Came to MEET JESUS
2. Implored Him to LEAVE

C. The REACTION of the Lord: He boarded a boat and LEFT