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Reading: Luke 2v10-12,v14, 8v26-56 Subject: A Saviour which is Christ the Lord

The Lord Jesus met a man possessed with devils.

Can it happen today? Mediums, Ouija board – Demonic practices.

The man is running about naked and dwelling among the bones of the dead. Men had tried to tame him but the demons were such that no man could tame him. This time, he wasn't dealing with mere men but the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Jesus removed the demons from the man and they went into the swine, this was observed by the people around. We don't know how long he had been possessed but the Lord Jesus had power to cast out the demons.

The people were afraid and asked the Lord to go. The Lord Jesus is a people person. He cares for people physically and spiritually. The man was in his right mind and the Lord left him there to tell his kinsfolk what a Saviour the Lord Jesus was to him.

As Jesus moved back across the lake the people were glad to see Him. Among all those who welcomed Him, one is named initially with a problem. The leader of the synagogue, he had social and religious standing but he had a problem and could not solve it himself. What does he do? Cast himself down at Jesus feet.

He went to the person who he reckoned could help. It was critical his daughter met the Lord Jesus for she was dying.

As the Lord Jesus headed off the crowd had Him surrounded. In the midst of all this a woman comes up, she is ill but has seen all doctors and none could help. Having seen the Lord Jesus in action she determines, knowing who He was, Son of God and Messiah to get near to Him.

Eventually she reaches out and touches Him. He stops and so do the crowd. The Lord Jesus knew He had been touched in a special way. He knew issue had gone out of Him. The woman's faith was well rewarded, she is healed and in confessing it was her, she is told her faith had saved her, she was to go in peace.

One comes, thinking it is a waste of time for the ruler to continue with Jesus for his daughter has died. The Lord tells him to "fear not". "Only believe" - trust. Jarius took Jesus at His word and believed Him. Sometimes we are afraid to react because of others and what they think of us.

Jesus and Jairus continue and as they arrive the people are weeping.

Taking only Peter, James, John and Jairus and Jairus' wife Jesus enters the room where she is. He raises her up, He tells them to feed her.

The Lord Jesus has dealt with demons, disease and death.

You may think you don't fit any of these categories.

Everyone of us are possessed by sin. It is a real problem that has to be dealt with. Only the Lord

Jesus Christ can deal with your sin problem.

"The Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins" (Mark 2:10).

Why?

"God laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:6). We who by accepting Him as our sin bearer can have our sins forgiven.

Do you want to accept the Lord Jesus as your personal Saviour?

The Lord Jesus is asking you to put your trust in Him and receive Him as your Saviour.

The Lord Jesus has the gift of eternal life to give you. It is a free gift for you. Whosoever.

Two things about gift.

- If you're not saved tonight you need it.
- Do you want it?

Where would you stand? Do you want it or do you want Him to go away?

"Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matt 11:28-29).

If you feel the burden of your sin tonight- put your trust in Him.