

## Sermon Notes

### *Insights from Luke*

#27 – “Traveling to the Other Side” – Luke 8:26-39

#### I. Introduction.

##### A. Pastor Don’s strange phone call.

1. A voice from the past.
2. People from the other side.

##### B. Today’s text.

1. The region Jews were reluctant to visit (Matt. 15:24).
2. Gergesenes or Gadara – Part of Decapolis
3. Importance of the storm – Luke 8:22-25

##### C. The text – Luke 8:26-39

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Luke 8:26-27

1. A wretched existence.
2. Demonized
3. Mark’s account adds detail – Mark 5:5
4. Importance of the notation on nakedness.
  - a. Gen. 3:7; Rev. 3:18; 16:15
5. Matthew’s account – Matthew 8:28ff.

##### B. Luke 8:28-31

1. Note one demon but many.
  - a. Legion
2. Two common errors made concerning demons.
  - a. Minimize their existence.
  - b. Exaggerate their importance.
3. The demons had no problem knowing who stood before them.
4. They pleaded.
5. Philip Ryken.

##### C. Luke 8:32-33

1. Something strange.
2. Bertrand Russell’s offense.
  - a. Remark in “Why I am not a Christian.”
3. Pastor Don’s experience in Peru.
4. The defense (justification) for Jesus’ cursing the pigs by allowing the demons to enter them.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. The better argument: \_\_\_\_\_

##### 1. I Corinthians 15:25

##### D. Luke 8:34-37

1. The people hear and focus upon the lost pigs.
  - a. A poet captured their mindset.

##### E. Luke 8:38-39

1. There was only one who desired Jesus.
2. Became a missionary.
  - a. He was saved f\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_ but also  
t\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_
3. Note the evidence of a changed life.

#### III. Points for Reflection

- A. The plight of the afflicted man is more about us than demon possession. The way we were!
- B. Demonic oppression or possession always has the same goal.
- C. What is it that we really value?
- D. We are free to be missionaries in our own lands.
- E. This story affirms that there is always hope for the oppressed.