**4/27/25 Every Encounter is an Opportunity to Evangelize!**

**(Luke 8:26-40; Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20)**

* Throughout Jesus’ Ministry He performed many miracles of different types.
* Some of the lessons revealed in the story of the Gadarene Demoniac are as follows:
* The power of Jesus.
* The importance of evangelism.
* Demons know who Jesus is, and must obey Him.
* Many will observe the power of Jesus, but will reject Him.

**1. There is power in the name of Jesus!**

* Lives are changed when they come in contact with Jesus.
* Jesus is met by a self-appointed greeter possessed by demons.
* Jesus seized on the opportunity to perform outreach ministry.
* The demon possessed man was someone who needed spiritual help.

**Luke 8:26-28; Matthew 8:27, 25:35-36**

**2. There is something about the name Jesus!**

* God exalted Jesus above everyone, and salvation only comes through Him.
* Only Jesus can deliver us from the power of Satan.
* The demons kept begging Jesus not to send them to the bottomless pit.

**Philippians 2:9-11; Acts 4:12; Luke 8:29-31; James 2:19; Rev. 20:10**

**3. The ulterior motives of demons eventually come out.**

* After the demons begged Jesus to let them enter the pigs, they drove them off a cliff and drowned them.
* The man, who had been possessed by demons, sits quietly at Jesus’ feet, clothed and in his right mind.
* Jesus told the man that had been demon possessed to go and evangelize his family and community.

**Luke 8:32-40; Mark 5:15; 1 John 4:4**

**Upcoming Events**

Please sign up for the evangelism class after the worship service today. See Minister Booker for further information.

Mt. Calvary Women’s Inspirational Tea, Saturday, May 3rd, 10 AM; Attire: spring colors with your favorite hat or fascinator.

Bible Study will resume on next Wednesday, May 7th at 6:45 PM. We will be in Revelation 11; we will review and then pick up on verse 11 with the two witnesses.

Mother’s Day, May 11th, 11:00 AM, Evangelist Sebrina Newsome, Theme: Created on Purpose for God’s Glory! Ephesians 2:10.

The food pantry will be open Thursday, May 22nd, 3-5 PM.

Christian Leadership Zoom School Classes offered: Elective Class: **Our Weapons Are Not Carnal,** Book: What You Need to Know About Spiritual Warfare by Max Anders. This Class will be held June 2, 3, 5 & 6, taught by Dr. Joe Troope.

Phase III Course 3007 **History of Baptist**, Book: The Church in History by B. K. Kuiper. This class will be held Monday through Friday, June 23-27, taught by Dr. William C. Morgan.

Last day to register, May 20th; Congress Closing Program, River Hill Baptist Church, 2884 James Road, Valdosta, GA, Saturday, June 21, 10 AM

**Thought for the Week:** As long as you are breathing, you have a reason to praise the Lord!