

## Luke 8:26-56 - Jesus the Healer

1. Read **Luke 8:26-39**. If you were a doctor, which of the demoniac's symptoms would seem most serious?

- He was not wearing any clothes.
- He lived in the tombs in the cemetery.
- He could not be tied up with ropes or chains.
- He kept hollering when he saw Jesus.
- He said his name was "Legion" or "Mob."

Why?

2. How might we describe such a person today?

3. Which of these got what they asked for?  
Who ended up better off?

- The demons begged to go into the pigs.
- The neighbors begged Jesus to go away.
- The man begged to go with Jesus.

Why?

4. Read **Luke 8:43-48**. If you were a woman suffering from hemorrhages, that is, menstrual bleeding, which circumstance would make you feel most desperate?

- She had been sick for 12 years.
- She shouldn't appear in public.
- She had spent all her money.
- None of the doctors could help her.

Why?

5. Read **Luke 8:40-42, 49-56**. If you were the girl's parents, how would you have felt?

- Sad because their daughter had died
- Angry because Jesus' didn't come sooner.
- Confused because their neighbors laughed.
- Astounded because their daughter got up.
- Joyful because they had their daughter back.

Why?

6. Which is most difficult for you to understand?
- that Jesus sent the demons into a herd of pigs.
  - that Jesus could feel the power go out of him just from the woman's touch.
  - that Jesus said the little girl was only sleeping when she was actually dead.
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Why?

7. Take a look at this prayer from the Brief Order of Healing in the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book*.

*Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake,  
send your Holy Spirit upon your servant, \_\_\_\_\_;  
drive away all sickness of body and spirit;  
make whole that which is broken;  
deliver him/her from the power of evil;  
and preserve him/her in true faith,  
to share in the power of Christ's resurrection  
and to serve you with all the saints  
now and evermore. Amen.*

Does anything surprise you about this prayer?

Why?

Why?

8. What do you like most about this prayer?