



**Series:** Unexpected Messiah

**Passage** Mathew 8:28-34

**Title:** Jesus and Demons

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**Discussion Starter** – How do you think we are able to discern if the influence on a person's life is demonic or not? Have you ever experienced the presence of what you would call demonic presence? If so, describe what happened.

### **Jesus Is Sovereign Over The Spiritual World (Matthew 8:28-34)**

- According to the Sermon, what are the two most common mistakes we make about Satan and Demons? Who do they apply to and how are they evidenced by our behaviors. In what way are these positions extreme and why do they both lack wisdom?
- Do you think that all evil in the world is attributed to Satan? Explain why or why not.
- The demons in this story know that Jesus is God so they are not blind to this truth. What else do they seem to know based on the questions they ask Jesus? Read James 2:19-20 and Psalm 145:18-20. How do these verses reinforce that fact that knowing or believing Jesus is God is not enough?
- Why do you think the demons requested to be cast into the pigs? What does that show us about them?
- How do you think these demons might have possessed these two men?
- What are some of the biblical warnings from the Old Testament about allowing demonic influences into our lives? Read Deuteronomy 18:9-14. How many of these things mentioned do we see in our society today?
- Can a person following Jesus be demon possessed? Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, John 10:27-28. 1 John 4:4. What can we conclude by the insights we gain from these verse?
- How far do you think a person following Jesus can be led astray by a demon? Read Ephesians 6:10-12, 1 Timothy 4:1 and Galatians 4:8-9. How do these scriptures give us instruction on the tactics of Satan and his demons?
- Read Matthew 12:43-45. What insights does this give us about demon possession? What spiritual truth is revealed in these verses?
- Read Numbers 32. What is the spiritual significance in this story as it connects back to the tribe of Gad? What picture does this represent about those who claim themselves to be people of God but stay on the outskirts of His influence?