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- Gospel: review — is reality ...good news?
- Story One: The Storm — Luke 8:22–26
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What is a gospel?

What is the gospel?

What is good news?

Is it good news to you?

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STORY ONE — LUKE 8:22–25

22 — Now on one of those days Jesus and His disciples got into a boat, and He said to them, 'Let us go over to the other side of the lake.' So they launched out.

23 — But as they were sailing along He fell asleep; and a fierce gale of wind descended on the lake, and they began to be swamped and to be in danger.

Luke 8:22–23



LUKE 8:24–25 — "WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?"

*"He got up and rebuked the wind and the surging waves,
and **they stopped**,
and it became calm.*

*And He said to them, "**Where is your faith?**"*

*They were **fearful** and amazed,*

*saying to one another, "Who then is this, that He commands even the winds
and the water,*

*and **they obey** Him?"*

Luke 8:24–25

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Some Bible heroes *who had to be told not to fear*

Abraham — Genesis 15:1

Hagar — Genesis 21:17–18

Isaac — Genesis 26:24

Jacob — Genesis 46:3

Moses — Exodus 14:13

Joshua — Joshua 1:9

Gideon — Judges 6:23

Elijah — 1 Kings 19:5–7 (implied)

Elisha's servant — 2 Kings 6:16

Isaiah — Isaiah 41:10

Jeremiah — Jeremiah 1:8

Daniel — Daniel 10:12

Mary — Luke 1:30

Joseph — Matthew

1:20 The shepherds — Luke 2:10

Paul — Acts 27:24

John — Revelation 1:17

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INTERLUDE — THE SIGN OF JONAH

*"An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and **yet no sign will be given** to it **but the sign of Jonah** the prophet; for just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."*

Matthew 12:39–40

Jesus was doing what Jonah did — but willingly, and at a cost Jonah never paid.

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STORY TWO — LUKE 8:26–29

"Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.

And when He came out onto the land, He was met by a man from the city who was possessed with demons; and who had not put on any clothing for a long time, and was not living in a house, but in the tombs."

Luke 8:26–27

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STORY TWO — LUKE 8:26-29 — LUKE IS A NERD

*"And seeing Jesus, he cried out and **fell down before Him**, and said with a loud voice, "What business do You have with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!"*

For He had already commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man.

*For it had **seized him many times**; and he was **bound with chains and shackles** and kept under guard, and yet he would break the restraints and be driven by the demon into the desert."*

Luke 8:28-29

LUKE 8:30 — "WHAT IS YOUR NAME?"

*"And Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?'
And he said, 'Legion';
for many demons had entered him."*

Luke 8:30

LUKE 8:32–33 — THE PIGS



The pig was one symbol of the Roman Legion X Fretensis, which at times ruled this Gentile region.

The adoption of the pig is thought to have been a deliberate insult to Jews.

"The demons came out of the man and entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned."

Luke 8:33

Jesus was here to proclaim a new kingdom to a place ruled by demons and pigs.

The same waters his disciples had just learned to forget to fear is where the pigs and the demons went.

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TWO REACTIONS TO THE SAME EVENT

THE TOWNSPEOPLE

- Found the man sitting, clothed, in his right mind.
- Were frightened, “gripped with great fear”
- **Asked Jesus to LEAVE.**

THE MAN

- Had been naked, chained, living in tombs.
- **Now begged to GO WITH Jesus.**
- *"Return home and describe what great things God has done for you." — Luke 8:39*

Not disqualified by his past, the man knew expertly Who had freed him.

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Believe it or not, Reality is good.

**REALITY IS A PERSON, AND HIS
NAME IS LOVE.**

He wants to be sought,
and found, by you. How?

**prayer • scripture study
counsel • more prayer**

Whatever he asks of you

DON'T SAY NO!