

Luke 8:22–39

New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Calms the Storm

²² One day Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side of the lake.” So they got into a boat and set out. ²³ As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

²⁴ The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we’re going to drown!”

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. ²⁵ “Where is your faith?” he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.”

Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed Man

²⁶ They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” ²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

³⁰ Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. ³¹ And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³ When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

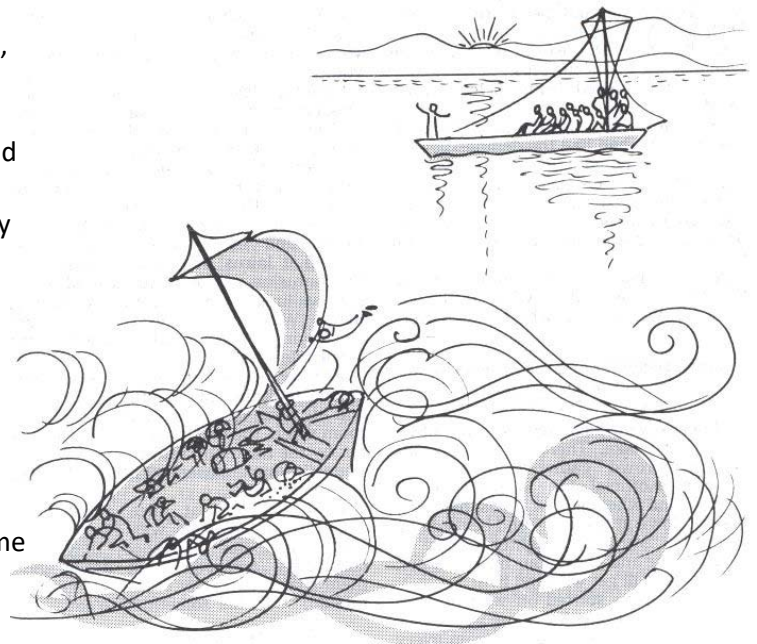
³⁴ When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵ and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the

man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ³⁷ Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “. . .” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Big Idea

**Jesus uses His matchless power
to deliver His people
through the storms of life
and even through death itself**



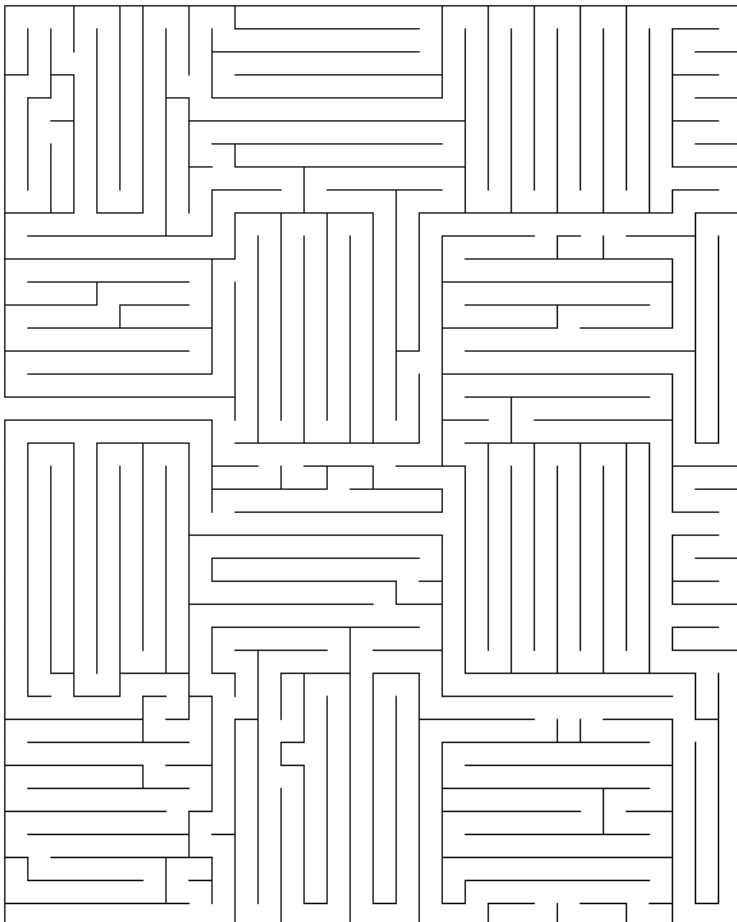
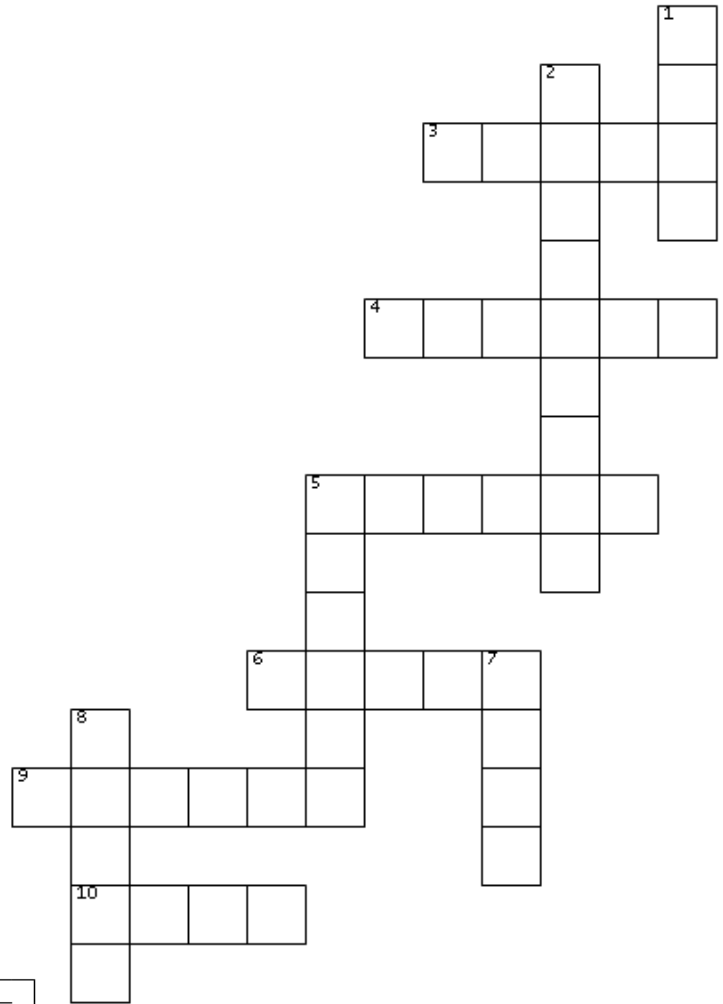
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Word List

boat calm demons disciples faith
 feet guard home pigs squall tombs
 town voice water winds



Across

3. "Master, Master, we're going to ____!"
4. A ____ came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped...
5. So they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, he fell ____.
6. "Where is your ____?" he asked his disciples.
9. The man from whom the demons had gone out ____ to go with him...
10. He commands even the winds and the water, and they ____ him.

Down

1. "Legion," he replied, because ____ demons had gone into him.
2. For Jesus had ____ the impure spirit to come out of the man.
5. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet...; and they were ____.
7. Return ____ and tell how much God has done for you.
8. When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a ____-possessed man from the town.