

## HOW CAN WE ESCAPE SATAN'S SNARE?

Jesus' ultimate power and authority over Satan and demons demonstrated!

Matthew 8:28-34

- I. **UNDERSTAND ONLY JESUS HAS AUTHORITY OVER SATAN AND DEMONS:**  
Jesus is met by hostile demoniacs and casts out thousands of demons (28-32a)
  - A. **Some preliminary issues** concerning Satan and demons (various passages)
    1. Keep the right focus--- on Christ not Satan
    2. Understand what God says about Satan and his angels (demons)
    3. Understand what God says about our enemy's schemes
    4. Understand their ultimate end: Eternal torment
  - B. **Jesus is met by hostile demoniacs, whose demons reluctantly and manipulatively acknowledge His deity and future judgment of them (28-29)**
  - C. **The demons acknowledge Jesus' authority to cast them out** by wickedly entreating Him to cast them into the herd of swine (30-31)
  - D. **Jesus demonstrates His ultimate authority and power over Satan and his demons by casting the demons out** with a word into a herd of swine (32)
- II. **RESPOND RIGHTLY TO THE TRUTH CONCERNING THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SET US FREE FROM SATAN AND OUR SIN: Two eternally different responses (33-34)**
  - A. The town's eternally sad response: They are afraid and ask Jesus to leave (33-34)
  - B. The former demoniacs glorifying response: He wants to follow Jesus and is told what to do and obeys (Luke 8, Mark 5)