

My Name Is Legion

Mark 4:35 – 5:20

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Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's go over to the other side." They set out by boat for the Gentile side of the Sea of Galilee. A storm blew up. The wind raged. The waves crashed over the boat threatening to swamp them.

Jesus had fallen asleep on a cushion in the back of the boat. The disciples woke him up saying, "Teacher, don't you care that we are about to drown?"

Jesus stood up and spoke to the wind and the waves, "Quiet. Be still." The wind died down and the sea grew calm. Then he said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid. Do you still have no faith in me?"

The disciples were terrified and said to each other, "Who is this man? He commands the wind and the water, and they obey him."

When they arrived at the other side, Jesus stepped out of the boat and was met by a man who was possessed by an evil spirit and who lived among the tombs. The man shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, son of the Most High God? Please, don't torture me."

Jesus commanded the evil spirit, "Come out of him," and then asked, "What is your name?"

"My name is Legion. There are many of us."

There was a large herd of pigs feeding nearby. The evil spirits pleaded, "Allow us to go into them." Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits came out of the man and went into the pigs. The entire herd went berserk. All two thousand pigs ran down the slope into the sea and were drowned.

Jesus told the man, "Go back home and tell everyone what the Lord has done for you."