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## *Power over Evil*

*Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39*

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1. Read the three passages, what are some of the differences? Similarities? How does this demonstrate accuracy of the accounts?
2. What is the purpose of the passage? Why did God choose to incorporate this story into three of the Gospel narratives?
3. What is the significance of the man with the unclean spirit's initial statements to Jesus? (Matt 8:29; Mark 5:7; Luke 8:28)
4. Read James 2:19. What does that tell us about belief in the identity of Jesus and its relevance to Salvation? How is the belief described in John 3:16 different than the belief in James 2:19?
5. Why did the demons beg Jesus to not torment them (Before the time – Matthew 8:29)?
6. Is demonic power real even today? Should we learn more about them so as to understand and engage this battle today?
7. How do we battle the evil in the world around us today? Is Satan dedicated to destroying Christens and the church? Read 1 Timothy 4:1-10 and Ephesians 6:10-20. How do these passages tell us to fight the powers of hell and evil in the world today?