

**AN OPPRESSED MAN  
ENCOUNTERS JESUS**

**CONTEXT**

# THE GALILEE REGION



# **The Decapolis**

**ENCOUNTER**



# **Demonization**

**In the New Testament, the demonized individual is a victim to be pitied and to be liberated from oppression. Such people are never rebuked, never told to repent, and never told that their sins are forgiven...What they need is a new, benevolent power to come into their lives and take control. This is what Christ offers the wreck of a man in this story.**

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These details do not simply add color to the narrative but indicate that this incident also has to do with Jesus' encounter with the community. It is a community that beats, chains, and dehumanizes other human beings. It only knows how to use force, how to crack down on madmen, and how to protect its property. But this community fears someone like Jesus, who wields a different kind of power. It expresses total indifference to the restoration of a human being to wholeness, particularly if they deem the cost too high. It prefers pigs to the healing of individual demoniacs.

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**DELIVERANCE**

**Truth**

**Authority**

# **Restoration**

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and beached the boat. As they got out of the boat, people immediately recognized Him. They hurried throughout that vicinity and began to carry the sick on mats to wherever they heard He was. Wherever He would go, into villages, towns, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged Him that they might touch just the tassel of His robe. And everyone who touched it was made well.

Mark 6:53-56

**Discipleship is a ministry of  
deliverance**