"The Transforming Power of Jesus"

*Map of Gerasenes....

- I. The power of Jesus defeats the demons
 - A. The demons knew Jesus was God
 - B. The demons knew Jesus was more powerful

"The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." (I John 4:4)

C. The demons knew Jesus had authority over them

"Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him" (I Peter 3:22)

D. The demons knew Jesus would judge them

"Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out." (John 12:31)

II. The power of Jesus to transform people

"If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come; the old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

A. From demon possessed to a child of God

"Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." (John 1:12)

B. From living among death to experiencing life

"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes in him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life." (John 5:24)

C. From tormenting chaos to <u>amazing peace</u>

"To open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me." (Acts 26:18)

D. From bondage to sin to freedom in Christ

"He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners." (Luke 3:18)

- E. From lack of control to a <u>right mind</u>
- F. From loneliness to relationship

"Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." (John 17:3)

- G. From self-destruction to self-transformation
- H. From terrorizing menace to <u>amazing witness</u>

"Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me." (Psalm 66:16)

III. The power of Jesus frightens unrepentant people

A. The people were filled with an <u>unholy fear</u>

"This is the verdict: light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil." (John 3:19)

- B. The people were refused to <u>believe in Jesus</u>
- C. The people rejected their <u>only hope</u>