They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. {which is opposite GalileeLK} **2**And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs {two demon-possessed menMT} a man with an unclean spirit. {For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs.LK} **3**He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, for he had often been bound with shackles and chains {he was kept under guardLK}, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces {and driven by the demon into the desert LK}. No one had the strength to subdue him {so fierce that no one could pass that wayMT}. **5**Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones.

**6**And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. **7**And crying out with a loud voice, he said, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God {I beg youLK}, do not torment me {before the timeMT}.” **8**For he was saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” **9**And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” **10**And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country {into the abyssLK}.

**11**Now {some distance from themMT} a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside,**12**and they begged him, saying, “{If you cast us outMT}send us to the pigs; let us enter them.” **13**So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

**14**The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. **15**And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there {sitting at the feet of JesusLK}, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. **16**And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. **17**And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region {for they were seized with great fearLK}. **18**As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. **19**And he did not permit him but {sent him away [and]LK} said to him, “Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” **20**And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.