

Who is Jesus?

4. The King Who Restores (Matthew 8v28-34)

1. Introduction

- Individualism sees Christianity as oppressive but actually Jesus' authority liberates
- In a section of Matthew where we see Jesus acting with authority

2. What we learn from the Demons

- They testify to the identity of Jesus
- They point to future judgement
- They demonstrate their destructive effect

3. What we learn about Jesus

- His supreme authority
- His effect on the two men
- His effect on the townspeople
- His grace

4. Summary

- Reject or follow?

Matthew 8v28-34 (NIV)

²⁸ When he arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. ²⁹ “What do you want with us, Son of God?” they shouted. “Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?” ³⁰ Some distance from them a large herd of pigs was feeding. ³¹ The demons begged Jesus, “If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs.” ³² He said to them, “Go!” So they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water. ³³ Those tending the pigs ran off, went into the town and reported all this, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. ³⁴ Then the whole town went out to meet Jesus. And when they saw him, they pleaded with him to leave their region.