

²² During one of those days, Jesus and his apprentices got into a boat and he said to them,

“Let us pass through to the other side of the lake.”

They were taken up into the boat ²³ and, while they were boating, Jesus slumbered. A windy storm came down to the lake and the boat was being filled with water. They began being in danger ²⁴ and, going to Jesus, they awakened him, saying,

“Mentor, mentor! We are being destroyed!”

Awakening, he rebuked the wind and the waves of water—they stopped and it became calm. ²⁵ Jesus said to them,

“Where is your trust?”

Fearing and marveling, they said to one another,

“Who then is this? That orders the winds and water and they listen to him?”

²⁶ They boated down to the land of the Gerasenes, which is across from Galilee. ²⁷ While they were coming out upon the earth, a man from the city, who was occupied by animating-forces, confronted Jesus. He had not put on a garment for an adequate amount of time and he was not remaining in a house, but was among the graves. ²⁸ Seeing Jesus, he fell down before him and, crying out, he said in a great voice,

“What of me and you, Jesus, child of the highest the Creator? I beg you not to torment me!”

²⁹ Jesus directed the impure breath to come out from the person. (Because it took hold of him many times, he was bound with chains and shackles while being guarded. But breaking through the bonds, he began being driven by the animating-force throughout the wilderness.) ³⁰ Jesus asked him,

“What is your name?”

He said,

“Legion,”

because many animating-forces entered him. ³¹ Legion began exhorting Jesus so he would not order them to depart into the abyss. ³² An adequate herd of pigs was there, grazing on the mountain, and Legion was exhorting Jesus so he would permit them to enter into them. Jesus permitted them ³³ and, coming out from the person, the animating-forces entered into the pigs. The herd then charged down the steep slope and into the lake and were suffocated.

³⁴ The herders, seeing what had happened, fled and reported it in the city and the fields. ³⁵ Those there came out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the person, from whom the animating-forces had come out, sitting, clothed, and in his right mind by the feet of Jesus—and they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who saw it, reported how the animating-force occupied man had been rescued. ³⁷ Then the entire multitude of the surrounding land of the Gerasenes requested for Jesus to depart from them, for they were being gripped by great fear. So getting into the boat, Jesus began to return. ³⁸ But the man, from whom the animating-forces had come out, was begging Jesus to be with him. But Jesus released him, saying, ³⁹

“Return to your home and describe everything the Creator has done for you!”

He departed, proclaiming throughout the whole city everything that Jesus had done for him. ⁴⁰ Then when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him.

⁴¹ A man named Jairus, who was the leader of the synagogue, came there. After he fell at the feet of Jesus, he began exhorting Jesus so he would enter into his house, ⁴² for he had an only daughter, who was about twelve years old, and she was dying. While Jesus went there, the crowds began pressing around him. ⁴³ There was a woman having a flow of blood for twelve years, who, after spending all of her living on healers, found no one strong enough to care for her. ⁴⁴ Coming up from behind, she held the hem of Jesus’s garment and immediately her flow of blood ceased. ⁴⁵ Then Jesus said,

“Who held me?”

But while everyone was saying “no” to it, Peter said,

“Mentor, the crowds are gripping and squeezing you!”

⁴⁶ But Jesus said,

“Someone held me! For I know that power has come out from me!”

⁴⁷ The woman, discerning that she could not keep hidden, came forward with trembling. Falling down before Jesus, she reported, in the sight of all the people, the reason that she held him and how she was immediately healed. ⁴⁸ Jesus said to her,

“Daughter, your trust has rescued you! Go in harmony.”

⁴⁹ While Jesus was still speaking, someone came for the synagogue-leader, saying,

“Your daughter has died. Do not bother the teacher any longer.”

⁵⁰ But Jesus, hearing this, answered him,

“Do not fear! Only trust and she will be rescued.”

⁵¹ When Jesus came to the house, he did not free anyone to enter except Peter, John of Zebedee, Jacob of Zebedee, and the father and mother of the servant. ⁵² Everyone was weeping and lamenting over her, but Jesus said,

“Do not weep! She is not dead. She is only sleeping.”

⁵³ Seeing that she was dead, they began ridiculing Jesus. ⁵⁴ Restraining her hand, Jesus voiced,

“Servant, arise!”

⁵⁵ Her breath returned and she immediately stood up. Jesus ordered them to give her something to eat. ⁵⁶ Her parents were beside themselves, but he directed them to tell no one what had happened.

^{9.1} Calling together the twelve, Jesus gave them power and authority over all animating-forces and to care for illnesses. ² Then he sent them to proclaim the Rule of the Creator and to heal. ³ Jesus said to them,

“Take nothing on the Way! No staff, no pack, no bread, no silver, and do not have two shirts. ⁴ Whatever house you enter, remain there and depart from there. ⁵ Wherever they do not embrace you, when you depart from that city, brush off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them.”

⁶ Departing, they began passing through the villages, everywhere declaring the Gospel and caring for others. ⁷ Herod Antipas, leader over a quarter of the land, listened to all that was happening and was confused because of what was said by some, “John has been raised from among the dead,” ⁸ by some, “Elijah has appeared,” and others, “One of the ancient prophets has stood up.” ⁹ But Herod Antipas said,

“I beheaded John, but who is this I hear such things about?”

He began seeking to see Jesus. ¹⁰ Returning, the representatives described everything they had done. Taking them along, Jesus privately withdrew from the city called Bethsaida. ¹¹ But knowing this, the crowd followed him. Welcoming them, Jesus began speaking to them concerning the Rule of the Creator and healing those having a need for care. ¹² The day began to fade and, coming to him, the twelve said,

“Release the crowd! So going into the surrounding villages and fields they can relax and find food, because we are here in a wilderness place.”

¹³ But Jesus said to them,

“You give them something to eat.”

But they said,

“Five loaves of bread and two fish are not much for even us, unless we are to go and trade for food for all these people!”

¹⁴ There were about five thousand people. Jesus said to his apprentices,

“Seat them in food-sharing-groups up to fifty.”

¹⁵ They did so and everyone sat down. ¹⁶ After receiving the five loaves of bread and the two fish, Jesus looked into heaven, honored them, broke them, and gave them to the apprentices to set down for the crowds. ¹⁷ They all ate and were fed and twelve baskets of excess pieces were taken up by them.