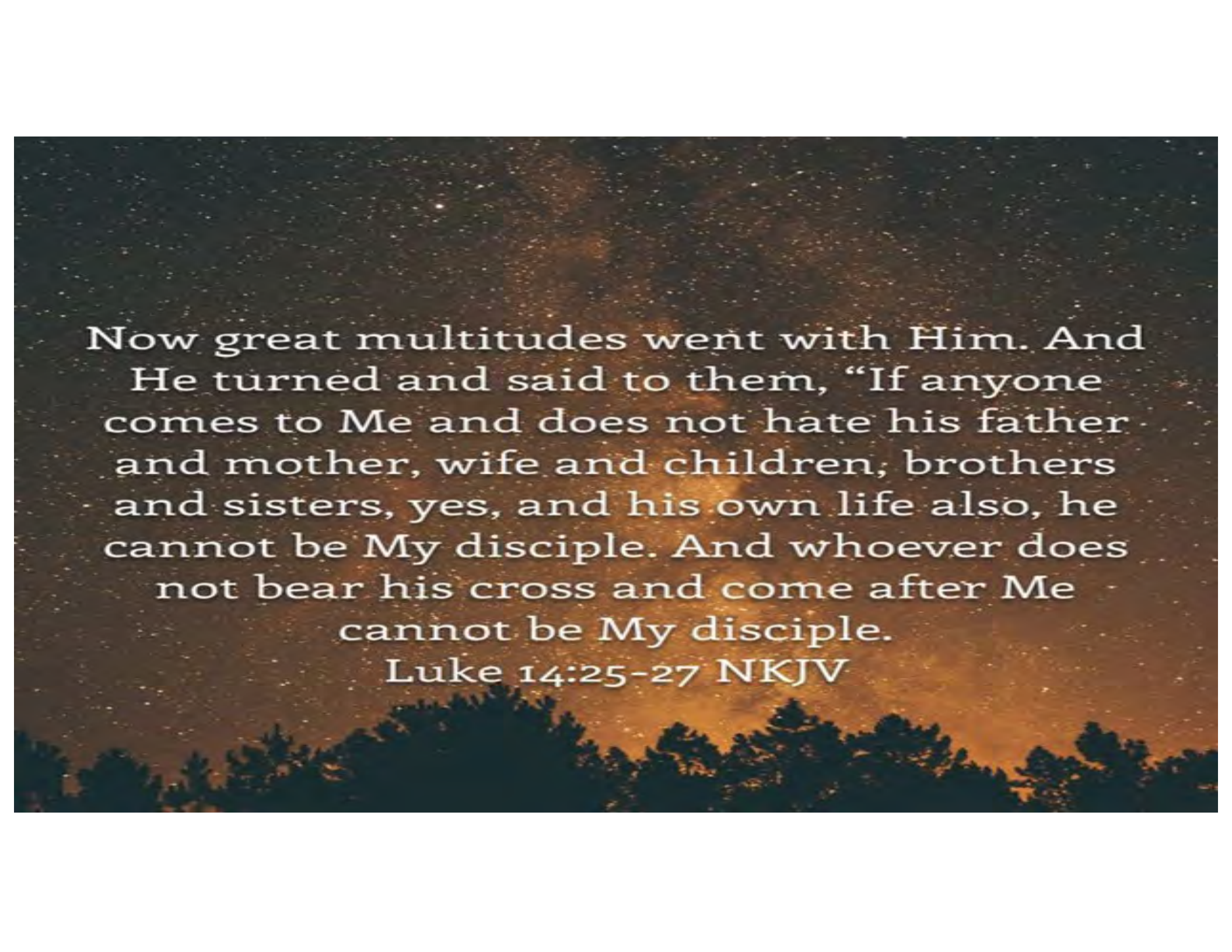


“Know Your Enemies’ Schemes”
Matthew 8: 28-34

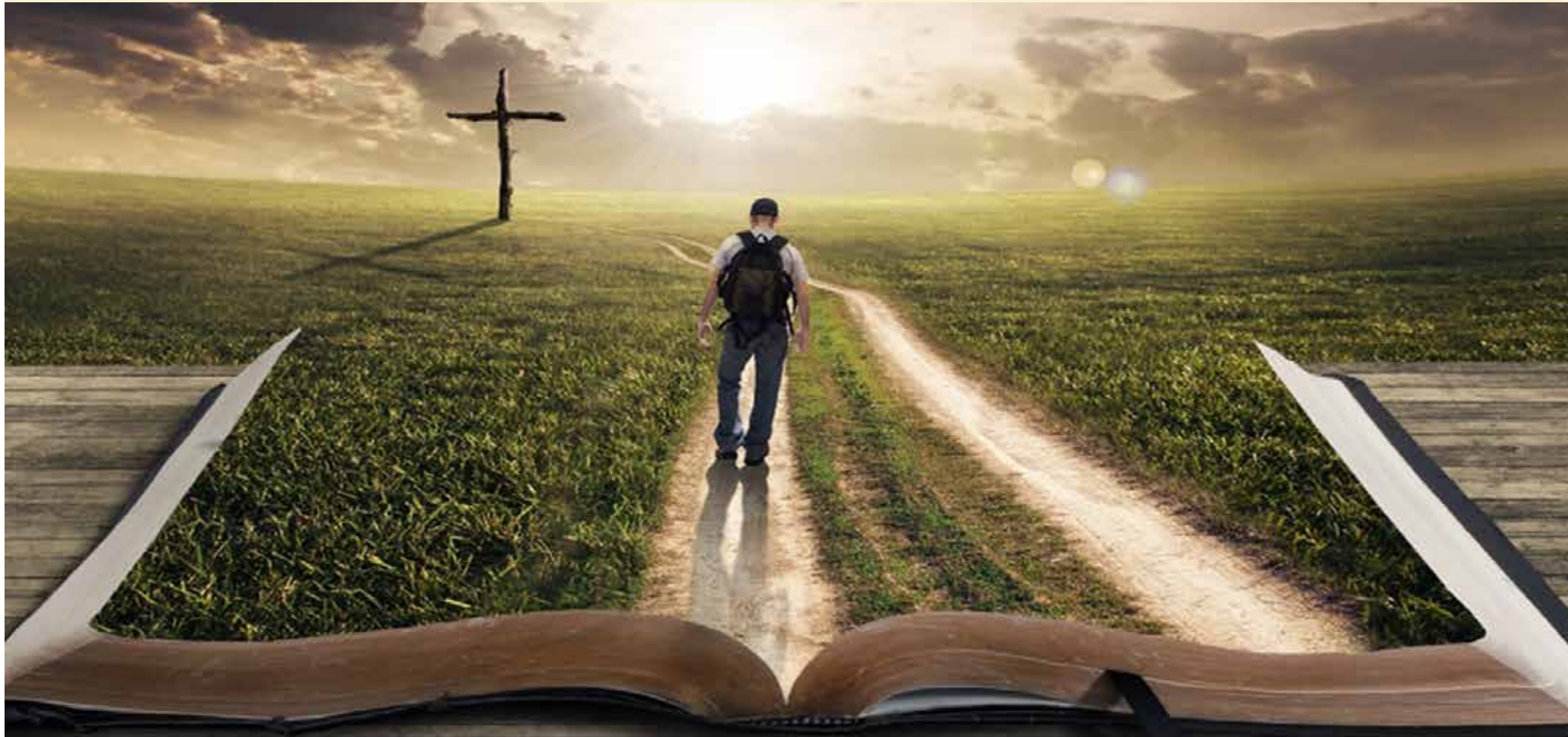
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Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

Luke 14:25-27 NKJV

**There are not many who will walk the disciple road;
*only a few will follow the MASTER!***






Salvation is free, but discipleship will
cost you your life

— *Dietrich Bonhoeffer* —

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...teaching them to
observe all that
I have commanded
you. And behold,

I AM

WITH YOU ALWAYS,
to the end of the age.

MATTHEW 28:20



The greatest of all miracles is
the salvation of a soul.

C. H. SPURGEON

What are demons?

Fallen Angels

demon = “*daimonion*” = a demonic being; a devil

devil = “*diabolos*” = comes from the word
“*ballo*” = to cast

One who casts himself
between two; to separate

Proverbs 6: 16-19

“These six things the Lord hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him” (verse 16)

The 7th: *“One who sows discord among the brethren” – (verse 19b)*

discord = to sow distrust among one another, which results in arguments and fights

The demonic realm loves to sow discord among the brethren

Two errors people make with demons:

1) Too much emphasis – the demon of everything

2) Do not believe in the devil at all

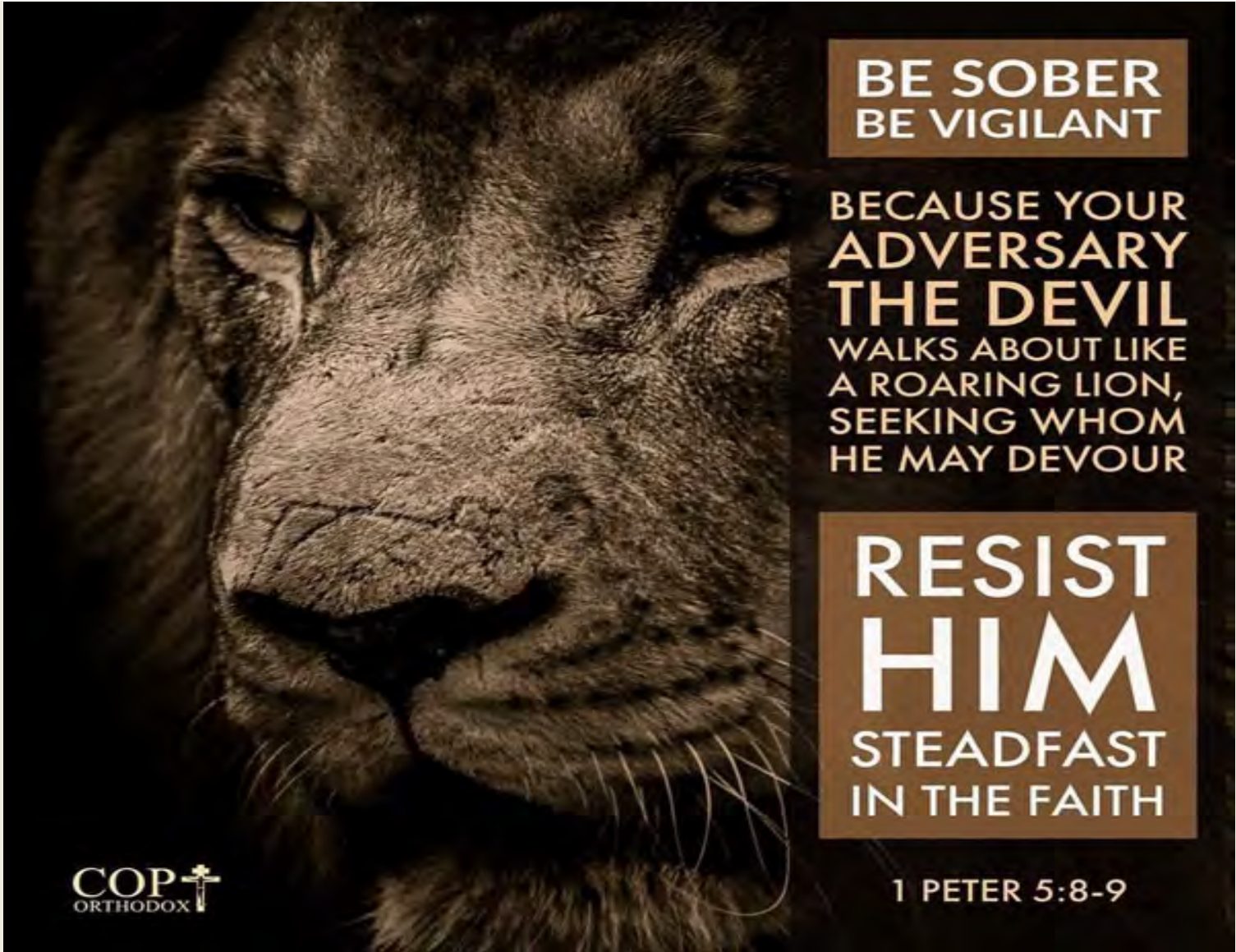
(C.S. Lewis)

People can be oppressed by demons, and possessed by demons

***YOU ARE NOT POWERLESS!* You have the HOLY SPIRIT in you!! - 1 John 4: 4**

Demons want nothing to do with armored believers

Resist him, Christian!



**BE SOBER
BE VIGILANT**

BECAUSE YOUR
ADVERSARY
THE DEVIL
WALKS ABOUT LIKE
A ROARING LION,
SEEKING WHOM
HE MAY DEVOUR

**RESIST
HIM**
STEADFAST
IN THE FAITH

1 PETER 5:8-9

KEY FIGHTING WORDS:

SUBMIT

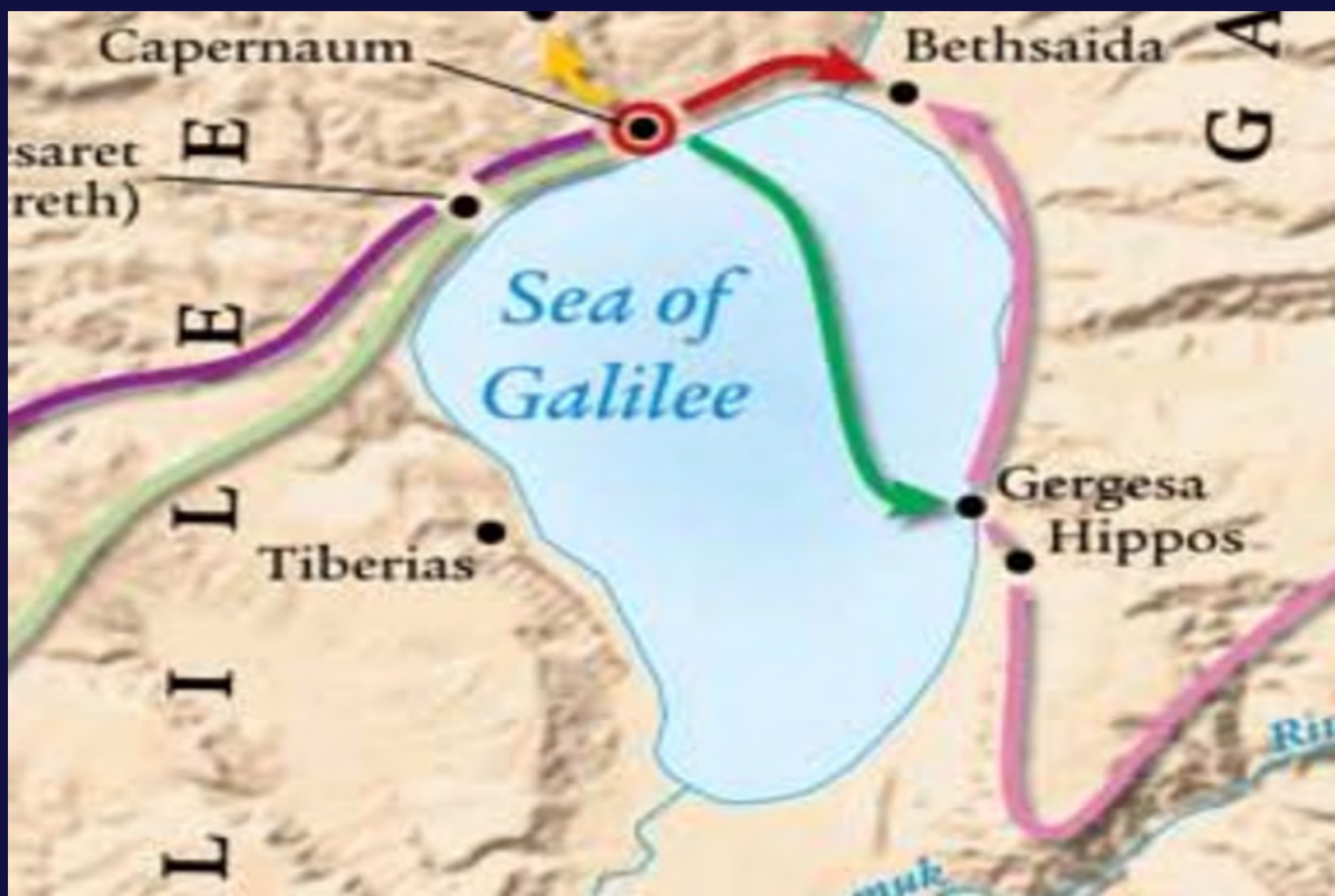
RESIST

COME NEAR

James 4: 7

Verse 28 - 29

Demons recognize Messiah's authority



The two men possessed are described as:
fierce, bullies, no clothes, live among tombs –
SCARY!

People may deny who Jesus is, but the demons
know exactly who He is:
“Son of the Most High God”

**The demonic realm knows their days are
numbered!**

Verse 30 - 32

Demons beg Messiah – *Not now!*

Jesus allows the demons to drown the pigs

***WHY* would Jesus allow these demons to continue their path of destruction?**

Jesus was in an area called the Decapolis, 10 Hellenized cities worshipping the gods of Greece



Mediterranean Sea

Damascus

Tyre

Caesarea Philippi

Galilee

Canatha

Capernaum

Sea of Galilee

Nazareth

Hippus

Dion

R. Yarmuk

Raphana

Gadara

Scythopolis

Pella

Gerasa

Samaria

R. Jabbok

Joppa

Philadelphia

Jerusalem

Dead Sea

Judea

R. Arnon

Beersheba

The Decapolis

At its core, Hellenism is humanism = glorifying humans above all other things

Jesus knows that the men in the area will not repent

Jesus does something dramatic to demonstrate His power, to get their attention!

Sometimes, Jesus *ROCKS OUR WORLD* to get our attention!

Verse 33 - 34

**Demons do what demons do -
*cause death and destruction***

**Demons
cause death
and
destruction**

***Jesus brings
life and
hope!***

**“THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON
ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME
TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE
POOR; HE HAS SENT ME TO HEAL
THE BROKENHEARTED, TO
PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE
CAPTIVES AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT
TO THE BLIND, TO SET AT LIBERTY
THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED;
LUKE 4:18 NKJV**

What
happened to
the two
demon
possessed
men?

MARK 5:18-20

- As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. ¹⁹ Jesus did not let him, but said, **“Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”** ²⁰ So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

**Touched by Jesus, these violent rebels now
preach to the ten towns**

The reason for the dead pigs?

THE SALVATION OF SOULS

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

What you need to know believer:

Stay away from things that open a portal to the demonic realm: *drugs, the occult, tarot cards, ouija boards, fortune tellers, astrologers, psychics, etc.*

Satan promotes things to take people away from the true God

Satan's Character

You belong to your father, the devil,
and you want to carry out your
father's desires. He was a murderer
from the beginning, not holding to
the truth, for there is no truth in him.

When he lies, he speaks his
native language, for he is a liar
and the father of lies.

John 8:44



Satan is the most beautiful and powerful of all God's angels

Ezekiel 28:14-15 (NKJV)

14 “You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.
15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.

Satan's greatest tool is deception – 2 Corinthians 11: 13-15

THE BELIEVER'S PROTECTION:

You need not fear or be preoccupied with Satan and the demonic – *be occupied with Christ!!*

Simply be aware, *be informed of the TRUTH!!*

The battle is for control of the mind -

[2 Corinthians 10: 3-5](#)

God will strengthen you and protect you -

[2 Thessalonians 3: 3](#)

Abide in God's Word and overcome the wicked one -

[1 John 2: 14](#)

God will keep you and protect you - [1 John 5: 18](#)

God has given you armor to stand - [Ephesians 6: 11](#)

God will keep you from stumbling - [Jude 24](#)

Fight the good fight of Faith

1 Timothy 6:12



You are behind
enemy lines;

Be a hero!

Fight the good
fight of faith!

YES, there is a
“*good fight*”!

**ALLOW YOUR LIFE TO REFLECT YOUR FAITH!
*BE A HERO AND STAND!***

We can be in our day what the heroes of faith were in their day – but remember at the time they didn't know they were heroes.

Aiden Wilson Tozer

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**THIS IS OUR TIME, HEROES OF CHRIST!! MAKE THIS YOUR
FINEST HOUR - *STAND FAST FOR OUR LORD!!***



***THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW THAT
YOU HAVE BEEN WITH JESUS!***

**THAT THE
WORLD
MAY KNOW**

