

In today's Gospel, Luke 8:26-39, we hear the story of the man who was possessed by demons, wearing tattered clothes, living in the tombs. Jesus Christ, upon seeing him, cured him by calling out the demons and sending them into a herd of swine who then rushed into a lake drowning. When the people went out to see what had happened, they saw the man well, sitting at Jesus' feet, and they were afraid of what they saw. They proclaimed how he had been healed from the demons. The man healed, begged to follow Jesus, but instead Jesus Christ told him to "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." This is what he did throughout the whole city!

Dearest ones of God, do we proclaim throughout our lives how much God has done for us? Do we give praise and thanksgiving to Him who is the source of all good? Do we proclaim that He has saved us and granted us eternal life? Let us remember that it is through the Cross of Christ that joy has come to the world! Through the Cross eternal life has been bestowed; death no longer holds us captive as we see from the man in today's Gospel in which the tomb, literally and that of the tomb of suffering from demons no longer held him captive.

Are there times in our life that we pass through difficulties? That we feel as if we are dying inside? During these times, and all times, God is with us, and as with the man with the demons, He can reach out and help us, guide us, and heal us. With God we are able to overcome, and with Him all things are possible! And when these possibilities become reality, as we are helped, as we are guided, as we are healed; let us proclaim that it was God who has done these great things for us! "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." In His name let us pray; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever, amen.