

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road with tire tracks leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The terrain is sandy and sparsely covered with small, dry bushes. In the background, a range of rugged, brown mountains stretches across the horizon under a pale, overcast sky. The overall mood is desolate and expansive.

The Gospel of Matthew

WHY DID THE KING COME BUT NOT THE KINGDOM?

Outline to the book of Matthew:

I. The King Has Come 1:1-13:53

1. *The Incarnation and the preparation of the King 1:1 – 4:11*
2. *The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29*
3. *The Manifestation of the King 8:1 – 11:1*
4. *The Opposition to the King 11:2 – 13:53*

II. The Kingdom Has Not 13:54-28:20

5. *The Reaction of the King, 13:54 – 19:2*
6. *The Formal Presentation and Rejection of the King, 19:3 – 25:46*
7. *The Crucifixion and the Resurrection of the King, 26:1 – 28:20*

***Subpoints follow Stanley Toussaint's seven main divisions outlined in his commentary.

I. THE KING HAS COME 1:1 – 13:53

The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29

(Matthew 8:28-34)

*“Learning disciples,
a worthy LORD,
and dismissive people”*

Outline –

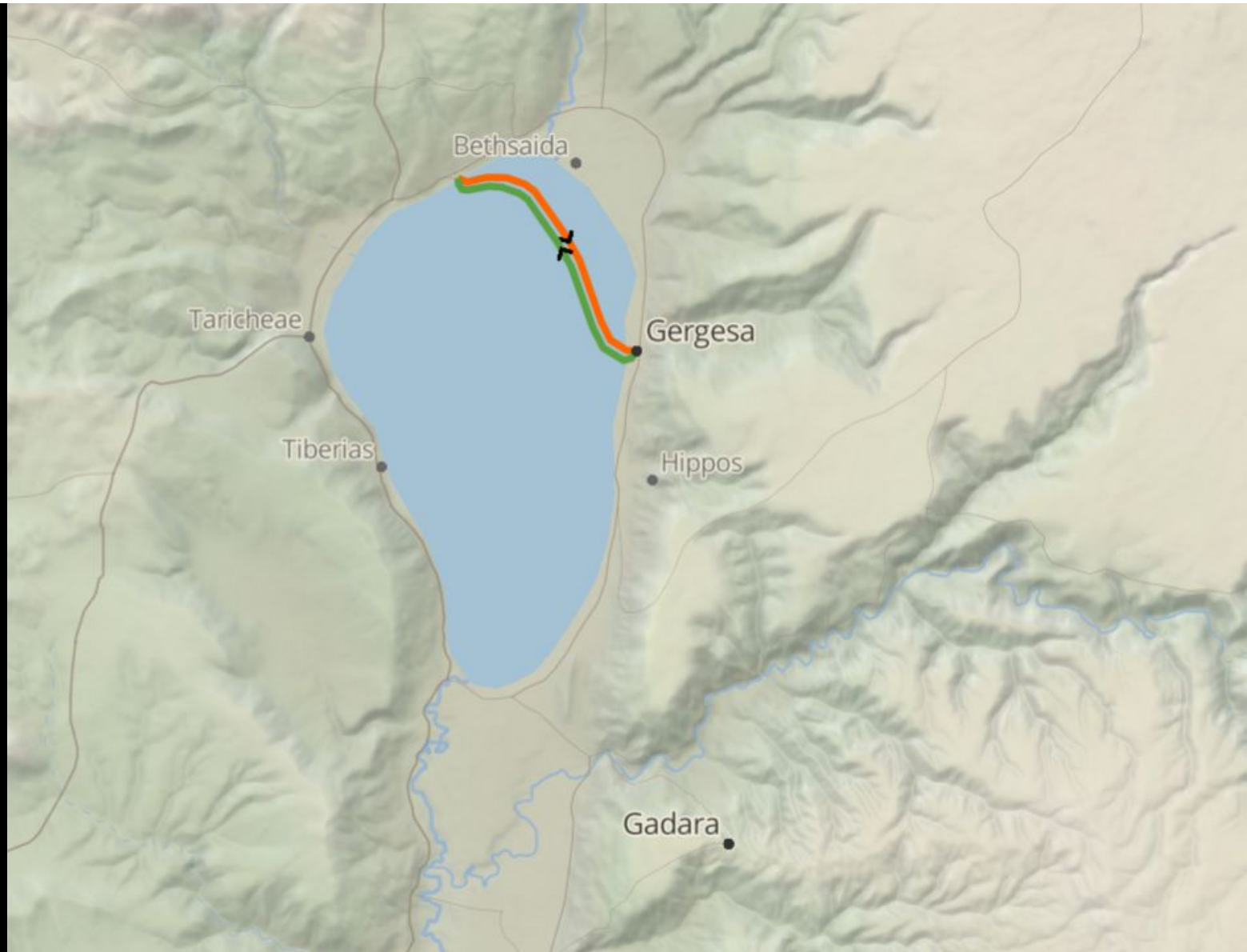
1. Learning disciples vv. 28-29
2. A worthy LORD vv. 29-32
3. Dismissive people vv. 33-34

1- Learning disciples vv. 28-29

A. Observations:

- The other side v. 28a
 - “to the country of the Gergesenes,”
 - Is it Gergesenes or Gadarenes?

- Gadara was the regional capital of the Decapolis area.
- Its population was strongly Gentile.
- The region was known as Gadara.
- The location this event occurred was in Gergesa.



1- Learning disciples vv. 28-29

A. Observations:

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 - “to the country of the Gergesenes,”
 - Is it Gergesenes or Gadarenes?
- Demoniacs v. 28b
 - Their number (cf. Mk. 5:2; Lk. 8:26-31)
 - Their isolation
 - Their ability

1- Learning disciples vv. 28-29

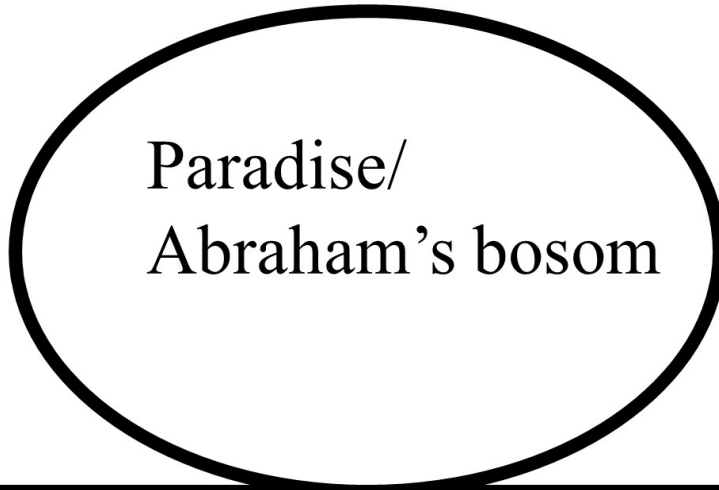
A. Observations:

- The other side v. 28a
- Demoniacs v. 28b
- The demon's cry v. 29
 - “What have we to do with You, Jesus, Son of God?”
 - “Have you come here to torment us before the time?”

Summary of Demonology:

- Demons are creation (but they were not created as fallen angels)
- Demons are innumerable
- Apparently 1/3 of angels are demons (cf. Rev. 12:3-4)
- Demons imitate angelic ranks
- Some demons are permanently bound (cf. Gen. 6; 2 Pet. 2:4-5; Jude 6-7)
- Some demons can be temporarily bound

Sheol/
Hades



Paradise/
Abraham's bosom



Sheol/Hades/Death

The Abyss/
Tartarus



Gehenna/Lake of Fire

Summary of Demonology:

- All demons, even Satan, still have access to the Throne of God (Job 1)
- At the mid-point of the 70th week this access is cut off.
- Demonic activity is escalated at the two advents of Christ.
- While not as prevalent demonic activity exists today.
- There is an important difference between demonic control, demonic harassment, and demonic influence.

1- Learning disciples vv. 28-29

B. Summary/Application:

- Matthew focused on the city, whereas Mark and Luke focused on the region.
- Matthew details that there were in fact two demon possessed men while Mark and Luke focus on one.
- Demons exist and their activity is predominately in the two advents of Christ.
- Demons controlled these men and caused them physical, mental, and spiritual harm.
- The disciples wondered who exactly Jesus was, they learn from the demons that He is the Son of God, and the Judge.

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2- A worthy LORD vv. 29-32

A. Observations:

- Jesus is the Son of God v. 29
- Jesus is the judge of the angelic realm v. 29
- The swine herd v. 30
- The demon's request v. 31
- Jesus's command v. 32a
- The herd's death v. 32b

2- A worthy LORD vv. 29-32

B. Summary/Application:

- Jesus is God!
- Jesus is judge.
- Jesus is lord over angels.
- The demons were cast out of the men and into the swine.
- The whole herd was killed.

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3- Dismissive people vv. 33-34

A. Observations:

- The herdsmen flee v. 33a
- The herdsmen's testimony v. 33b
- The whole city arrives v. 34a
- Jesus is not welcome v. 34b

3- Dismissive people vv. 33-34

B Summary/Application:

- Keep in mind what the disciples just learned.
- Jesus came to heal and deliver, and it was publicly witnessed.
- But the response of this Gentile region was dismissive.
- Do we rightly know who exactly Jesus is?
- Are we prepared to minister in a world of dismissive people?
- Are you a dismissive person of the person and works of Jesus Christ?



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