

Luke 8:26-39

I. Confrontation

- A. Non-Jewish country
- B. A man in agony
- C. Jesus' power and authority extend to the Gentiles (Luke 4:24; Acts 16:17)
- D. This banishment is a taste of the banishment yet to come.

II. Compassion

- A. Jesus' compassion extends to the Gentiles
- B. Jesus' deliverance means not just forgiveness but healing and restoration
- C. There is no one so messed up that the grace of God cannot change and heal them.
- D. This restoration is a taste of the healing yet to come.

III. Commission

- A. The man wants to travel with Jesus – but Jesus sends him home to tell what God has done.
- B. Jesus calls those He has delivered:
- C. The Gospel proclamation is the proclamation of God's wonderful doings
- D. Learn from Jesus the missionary ...
- E. Maybe you feel that there's someone beyond the reach of Jesus' compassion or power
- F. Maybe you wonder how it is possible that God could accept *you*.
- G. Jesus took our place, and the place of the man among the tombs