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# St Francis



June 19, 2013

**What Do You Think Jesus Is Doing In This Story?**

*Then all the people of the of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes told him to leave because they were filled with fear. So he got into the boat and returned.*

*Luke 8:37*

***How Does This Strike You?***

How would you react if you had seen this? Jesus heals a man who had been in a terrible situation and caused great fear among everyone who lived there. Now everyone from the whole countryside comes out, sees what has happened, and tells Jesus they are more afraid than ever, and He has to go. Here is the odd part. Jesus says nothing, gets back into the boat, and sails away returning to the other shore! Does that line up with your picture of Jesus? If you were advising Jesus would you tell Him to stay and talk with the people, do some teaching, and wait until they feel better about things? Doesn't it seem somewhat crass for Jesus to say nothing and go away? Would you want this Jesus as your pastor?

***What Do You Think?***

I really do not have any answers for the questions raised by Jesus' behavior here. I would love to hear from you about it, though. What are your thoughts? What do you see of Jesus here that you had not seen before? Why do you think He helped the one who was the outcast and left everyone else behind? Take a look at the whole story in Luke 8: 28-39. Why does Jesus turn away the man He had helped? Wouldn't you think He would want more and more people to stay with Him in His group?

Email your thoughts to me at [vicar@stfrancisva.org](mailto:vicar@stfrancisva.org). I am looking forward to hearing from you and learning a lot more about Jesus through what you share.

**Coming Attractions**

*Friday, June 21, 2013*

7:30pm Kindred Spirits

*Sunday, June 23, 2013*

10:00am worship. Sermon Topic: Do We Really Want Someone Like That In Our Church?

Coffee Hour- Book Group reading People of the Way: Renewing Episcopal Identity.

Read the Introduction and Chapter 1 and answer the discussion questions at the end of each chapter.

*Wednesday, July 3, 2013*

6:00pm Vestry meeting

*Centerville Circle of Prayer*

Please pray for Gunn's Pharmacy. Our friend, Earl Gunn, is the owner and pharmacist. He asks us to pray to be able to keep up with the technological advances in the pharmaceutical industry.

*Metropolitan Richmond*

Please pray for prison chaplains, ministries to jails and prisons, halfway houses, work-release and after-care programs.

*More Summer Reading Suggestions:*

Indescribable: Encountering the Glory of God in the Beauty of the Universe

Louie Giglio, Matt Redman

Sweet Fruit From the Bitter Tree: 61 Stories of Creative and Compassionate Ways Out Of Conflict. Mark Andreas

Mark These Dates:

October 5, 2013 Blessing of the Animals

October 13, 2013 Celebration of A New Ministry

Grace and Peace

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