

Jesus! Please depart from our region.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 8:28, Mark 5:1-20

Will anyone ask Jesus to depart? You too have asked Jesus to depart from your life many a times without your knowledge right? Jesus and His disciples had come to a place called Gergesenes. There were two demon possessed men who lived there. They were living in tombs. They were exceedingly fierce, cutting themselves with stones and breaking the shackles they were bound with. When Jesus reached the place, the demons trembled at Him. The devil knows God and those who belong to Him. The devil knows that God alone is Holy and is worthy of all glory, honor and praise. The demons begged Him to cast them into the herd of swine that were there nearby. Jesus said to them 'Go'. When the demons had left and entered into the herd of swine, the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea and perished in the water. The demon possessed people were delivered. When those of the town saw it, they begged Him to depart from their region.

The people of the town were not glad that the demon possessed people were delivered, but rather they burned out in anger that the swine which was about to make them good money was destroyed. Hence they pleaded Him to leave their town. Man is enslaved to sin and is drowned into deep darkness of sin. He tries to make himself rich in all sinful means. He does not even regard his life when it comes to money. The Lord shed His blood to save Him. But man despises such great a sacrifice. The bible says, "what is the gain if a man gains the whole world and yet loses his own soul?"

When we deliberately lie, steal, use abusive words, disobey parents and speak against them, when you always murmur, surrender yourself to do the lusts of your flesh and when you are not willing to accept the Lord Jesus Christ who shed His blood to cleanse your sins, you are literally begging Him to depart from your territory.

Questions:

1. Why did the people of Gergesenes beg Jesus to depart from their region?
2. What does the bible says about gaining the whole world?
3. What are the instances where you literally beg Jesus to depart from your territory?