



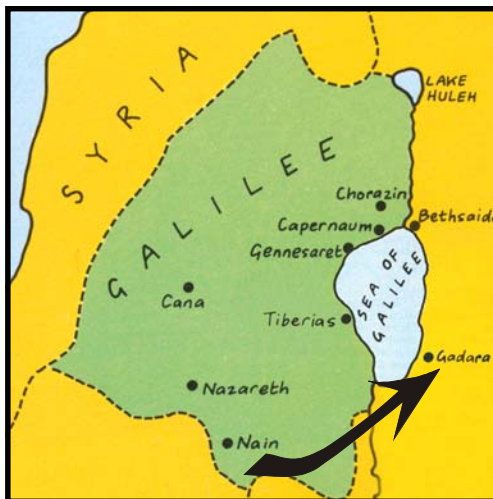
The Lord Jesus Christ was born to serve, not to be served...



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Location of the area the Lord Jesus Christ ministered unto and performed miracles: Gadara was a city south of the River Jarmuk that was among one of the towns of Decapolis.

Currently Um Qais, Jordan, Gadara was once part of Decapolis, an ancient commercial confederacy of ten cities scattered over the Syro-Palestinian area in Greco-Roman times. Gadara is the home of many famous philosophers, rhetoricians and mathematicians.



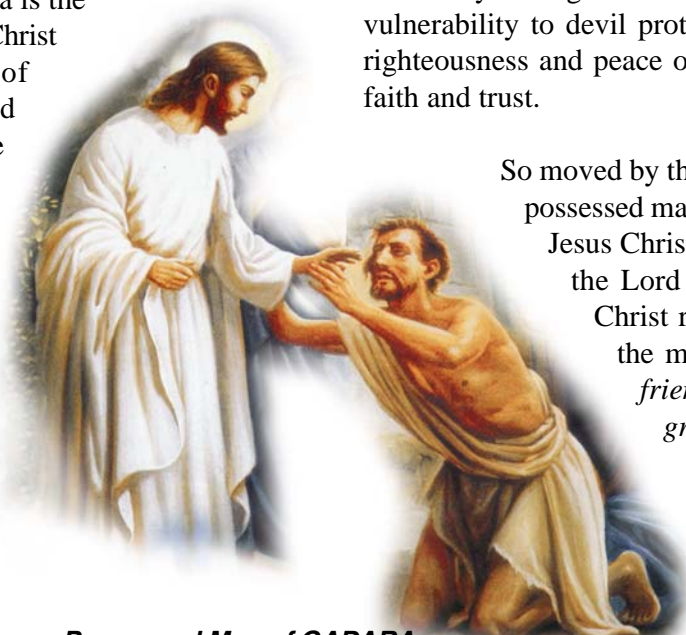
pray Him to depart out of their coasts" Mark 5:17); Galilee on the other hand hosted the majority of the Lord Jesus' active ministry. Galilee is connected with faith, but Gadara rejects the Lord Jesus Christ therefore Gadara is Galilee's opposite.

The possessed man of Gadara is an example of rebirth with the Lord Jesus Christ. Initially the possessed man is roaming among the dead, naked and untamed. But

after he turns to the Lord for salvation from the demons, he is transformed, he sits at the feet of the Lord, clothed and "in his right mind" (Mark 5:15). Thus only through the Lord sin is removed, our vulnerability to devil protected with the cloth of righteousness and peace of mind is restored with faith and trust.

The Biblical city of Gadara is the location of the Lord Jesus Christ exorcism of the legion of demons from the possessed man and scene of the miracle of the Gadarene swine.

Gadara was in close proximity to Galilee, even though the two cities were separated by only the Sea of Galilee they contrasted each other in spiritual matters. Gadara was populated with unbelievers and pagans who pleaded for the Lord Jesus Christ to leave their land ("and they began to



So moved by the Lord Jesus Christ, the possessed man pleaded with the Lord Jesus Christ to allow him to follow the Lord Jesus. The Lord Jesus Christ refused and instead told the man "' Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great a thing the Lord hath done for thee, and hath has compassion on thee.'" (Mark 5:19). The formerly possessed man returned to the city and proclaimed the

Possessed Man of GADARA
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miracle that has occurred at the hand of the Lord Jesus Christ. The man was left behind to be a witness of the acts of the Lord Jesus Christ to all the non-believers.

The Lord Jesus Christ cast the legion of demons into a near by herd of swine, which threw themselves into the sea and were drown. The death of the pigs concerning their owners is comparable to any other natural disaster that would cause financial loss, like a tornado; it is an act out of human control, done by the hand of God for an unknown reason. But the Lord Jesus' choice for choosing to killing the swine, instead of cattle or simply allowing the spirits to return to Satan, it is to illustrate and warn of the personalities of Gadara's population. The Gadarenes are like swine; when a pig is washed he will always (unless he is slaughtered) return to his sty to wallow in filth again. The Gadarenes had seen the miracle of the Lord and they were aware of the Truth, but still refused and rejected the Lord and pleaded for the Lord Jesus Christ to leave Gadara.

The Gadarenes were more concerned with their livestock and earthly lives than with the spiritual truth. We as sinners exhibit the same characteristics in our daily lives, i.e. when we are over concerned with work or school and pay little regard to our spiritual life and time with God. St. Paul warns "Behold, *NOW* is the accepted time; behold, *NOW* is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2)

It is not mentioned in the Holy Bible if the Lord Jesus Christ visited Gadara again. ❄

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Oh beloved of my Christ

Gently you place your face upon the hand of my Lord, to kiss His wounds.

So close you are to the Beloved ~ to smell the sweat of His pain, to hear the sigh of His sorrows ~

To feel the softness of His holy skin caress your gentle face. O beloved disciple of my Lord~ blessed are you to hold Him so close.

I see thy face and whimper His holy name upon my lips. I place my soul within your spirit so that I too may hear the echo rales of His breath~

The beating of His sacred heart~

His life, slowly giving way to the destiny of the Son of Man.

Soon to be born once again within the hearts of men~ O Gesu, treasure of my heart's desire; I welcome Thee into this heart

I feel the compassion of Thy beloved disciple.

A love enraptured by Thy compassionate heart

I too am John Thy beloved disciple ~ dear Lord

Amen ~ fausta +

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