

# Matthew 8:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.

## Analysis

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Jesus' permission 'Go' demonstrates His sovereign authority to command even demons, while the pigs' violent death reveals demonic destructiveness. The entire herd rushing into the sea and perishing shows that Satan's nature is theft, killing, and destruction. This dramatic sign authenticated the exorcism's reality to observers and illustrated the deadly power from which the demoniacs were delivered. The economic loss (2000 pigs) was significant but trivial compared to two souls freed from demonic bondage.

## Historical Context

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The destruction of approximately 2000 pigs (Mark 5:13) represented major economic loss for the owners, explaining why the Gadarenes later asked Jesus to leave (Matthew 8:34). This shows that some value profit over human souls—a perennial temptation in every age.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. What does the pigs' destruction reveal about the nature and goals of demonic powers?
2. How does the Gadarenes' preference for pigs over the Savior challenge materialistic values in contemporary culture?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ	εἶπεν	αὐτοῖς	ὑπάγετε	οἱ	δὲ	ἐξελθόντες		
And	he said	unto them	Go	G3588	And	when they were come out		
G2532	G2036	G846	G5217		G1161	G1831		
ἀπῆλθον	εἰς	τὴν	ἀγέλη	τῶν	χοίρων	καὶ	ἰδοὺ,	ῥωμήσεν
they went	into	G3588	herd	G3588	of swine	And	behold	ran violently
G565	G1519		G34		G5519	G2532	G2400	G3729
πᾶσα	ἡ	ἀγέλη	τῶν	χοίρων	κατὰ	τοῦ	κρημνοῦ	εἰς
the whole	G3588	herd	G3588	of swine	down	G3588	a steep place	into
G3956		G34		G5519	G2596		G2911	G1519
τὴν	θάλασσαν	καὶ	ἀπέθανον	ἐν	τοῖς	ὑδασιν		
G3588	the sea	And	perished	in	G3588	the waters		
	G2281	G2532	G599	G1722		G5204		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Mark 5:13** (Parallel theme): And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.

**Revelation 20:7** (Parallel theme): And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

**Acts 4:28** (Parallel theme): For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

**Acts 2:23** (Parallel theme): Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

**Luke 8:33** (Parallel theme): Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked.

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