

Daily Homily
Fourth Week, Ordinary Time, Monday
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It's a crazy scene... this possessed man... not by a mere demon... but by a legion of demons. It's such a dark element in Scriptures. Jesus, the Light, enters the darkness and knows what to do.

The scene becomes even more intense. The demons are cast into some 2,000 pigs, who then jump into the ocean and drown. Can you imagine the shoreline as 2,000 dead swine wash up?

The people in the town react... Jesus, please go away.

The man, once possessed but now clean, reacts... Jesus, I want to stay with you.

Jesus reacts... He gets in his boat to leave, as requested, and He tells the man once possessed to stay... perhaps to stay as a testimony of light in the darkness of that town. Jesus – so selfless – they need the light, more than He needs another follower.

He has us as light, His light.

In what darkness, in whose darkness will we shine bright today?