

Parish of Esher  
Christ Church, Esher with St George's, West End

## SERMON

Trinity 1, 23 June 2019

9.00am Sung Communion, St George's, West End

10.30am Parish Communion, Christ Church, Esher

Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; John 16.12-15

Revd. Sarb Klair

PRAY – keep reading to hand. Luke 8 in Bibles

Looking at 1) Power of Jesus and 2) Responses to Jesus (main point)

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Powerful people – who are the most powerful people in the world? 2018 survey

1. Trump 2. Putin 3. Xi Jinping 4. Merkle 5. Jeff Bezos 6. The Pope

Worldly power – Power to control and influence others.

Luke 8 – see the whole of chapter 8. Shows the power of Jesus:

Calms the storm	
Drives out demons (2 episodes)	No-one else can do these things
Teaches	Trust-worthiness of gospel Luke 1
Woman with chronic condition	

Over death itself with the daughter of Jairus

Recap reading (Pointing out the power of Jesus.)

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Sidebar on Demons – lots can be said about this – just touch on it here.

- Dismissive in the post-enlightenment.
- CS Lewis – two opposite errors
- Eph 6:12
- keep an open mind.



They can't see how Jesus can be any good to them. Ask him to leave v37.

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2 The second group – Those that run towards Jesus.

Before the demoniac => v27 unclothed, excluded, anti-social, alone, cast out, without hope. NOTHING HE COULD DO TO SAVE HIMSELF.

HE needed Jesus. Once demons cast out – right mind v35b, clothed, still, with hope

Evangelist

Whole life response.

CS Lewis – only two credible responses

Where are you?

? villagers who return and are frightened? Reject/deny/dismiss Jesus. Safe distance?

? demoniac? Disciple. Submit to Lord and Saviour? Long to be with Him. Eagerly seek to serve Him. speak about what Jesus has done in your life

Is your life marked by:

Sacrificial loving?

Radical generosity –because you see that Jesus has saved you, as Paul says, 'from the wrath that is to come'?

Desperate to tell others?

If not, ask yourself – are you like the villagers –? Jesus – life in all its fullness

Power to live that life? 'Postage Paid' example

My encouragement power of Jesus.....He gave it up.

Throne room in Rev 4 all give away.....

The price of our rebellion – fell on Jesus. It wasn't on a herd of pigs but it all fell on Jesus. That weight crushed Jesus to death. As he was nailed to the cross judgement fell on Jesus. Our judgement. Great exchange.

Communion => dwell on what's been done.

Amen.