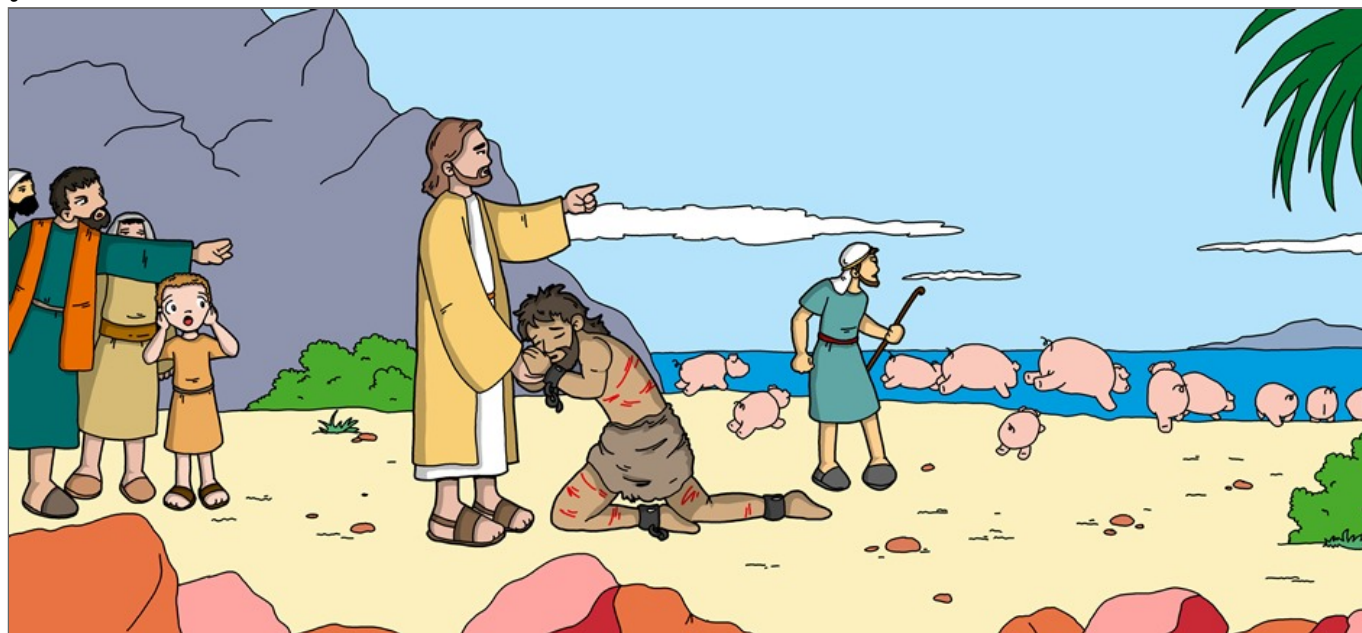


# Monday 4th in Ordinary Time

**Gospel text (Mk 5,1-20): «Go home to your people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and how He has had mercy on you».**



**Illustration:** Pili Piñero

Today we can see Jesus landing in Gerasa. A man possessed by a diabolical spirit named “Legion” runs into Him. What a terrible drama! That miserable man was not himself, he was possessed by demons. The Devil speaks out of his mouth: “What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? Art thou come hither to torment us (...) if you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs”. Jesus allows that to happen: He said to them, “Go!” So they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water”. Here you have it!: the Devils desire is total destruction. Fortunately the mercy of God prevents him from doing that.

**\_The man was cured and wanted to remain with Jesus. But his place was his family: there did the Lord send him back... Always in the presence of God!**