

Commentary on the Gospel for Mon, Jan 30th 2012

The name of the demon, 'Legion' (or 'Mob'), could be used in Aramaic of either a single soldier or a detachment of 6,000. Did you ever feel that you and your life were fragmented into hundreds or thousands of pieces? The Greek word for the devil, diabolos, comes from dia (apart) and ballein (to throw). Fragmentation, disintegration, alienation: they are the devil's work. But by healing the man in this story, Jesus restored him to unity within himself and to unity with his family.

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