

The 2,000 SWINE

in Mark 5:1-20 **were** / **are** ...

“Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. So all the demons begged Him, saying, “Send us to the swine, that we may enter them.” And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea. So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine. Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region.” (Mark 5:11-17)

a special case
in various ways
(fill in the blank)

able to swim
but still drowned (5:13)
(fill in the blank)

also in
Mat. 8:28-34 & Luke 8:26-39
(fill in the blank)

an important part
of a great miracle story
(fill in the blank)

impressive because
of how they died (5:13)
(fill in the blank)

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not counted
in Matthew or Luke
(fill in the blank)

not primarily
about dietary laws
(fill in the blank)

potentially
extremely dangerous
(fill in the blank)

prone to
suddenly panic and run
(fill in the blank)



OK to
eat today (1 Tim. 4:3-5)
(fill in the blank)

potentially
extremely dangerous
(fill in the blank)

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somewhat like the
frogs in Egypt (Ex. 8:1-15)
(fill in the blank)

the largest group
of animals in the N.T.
(fill in the blank)

too many
in one place to be healthy
(fill in the blank)

unclean
animals (Leviticus 11:7)
(fill in the blank)

used to demonstrate
Jesus' great authority
(fill in the blank)

very different from
a large flock of sheep
(fill in the blank)

Directions: after reading through **Mark 5:1-20**, Matthew 8:28-34, Luke 8:26-39, and some articles on domestic pigs and wild boar, consider and discuss how the herd of about 2,000 swine is described above. **Do you agree with the points made? Would you change or add to any of them?** — **At the end of the study, discuss the most important descriptive phrases and make applications**, thinking about why the swine part of the story is included. The casting out the many demons from the man was a great miracle, but for some reason the swine part of the story is included as well. — © 2022 by Jon F. Mahar, Hakusan City, Japan and Alexander, Maine, U.S.A.