

## **PIGS CAN'T FLY**

By Rod

*Based on Matthew 8 vv 18-27. Amos is the owner of the pigs that Jesus sent the demons into after curing the demon possessed men (two in Matthew).*

Jethro Morning Amos!

Reuben Yes, morning Amos.

Amos Morning Jethro.. Reuben.

Jethro So how are the Gadarene swine this morning?

Amos Do you mean my pigs .... or the people in the village?

Jethro Well, I meant the pigs. We know about the people because we've just come from there.

Reuben Although it is hard to tell the difference at times I agree. Both have their snouts in the trough most of the time.

Amos Oh, they're fine, bless their little trotters. They're fattening up nicely. In fact there is one that is just about ready for market.

Reuben Which one is for the chop then?

Amos That one over there [*Points*]. Howard. In a couple of weeks he'll bring in a tidy profit.

Reuben Howard, derived from Hog Warden, that's a good name for your chief pig!

Jethro Are the others not ready then?

Amos Oh no, if I turned them into pork pies and sausages now I'd make a fearful loss.

Jethro Let's hope nothing happens to them then.

Amos Indeed. Anyway, you said you know all a bout the people of the village. What's been going on then?

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Jethro Well, they've got this teacher chappy paying a visit.

Reuben Fellow by the name of Jesus. By all accounts he's a carpenter from Nazareth.

Amos He's a fair way from home. Is he doing home deliveries to boost his trade like that northern carpenter.. Moses Ikea?

Jethro Not really. Like I said, he's more of a teacher now.

Amos I'm not sure I like the idea of an amateur teacher. What are his credentials?

Jethro That's the funny thing. You know those two crazy guys up by the tombs?

Amos You mean Ant and Dec?

Reuben I never know which is which.

Amos Nor do I. I don't go too close. They're dangerous they are.

Jethro Well, when they met Jesus they called him the Son of David.

Reuben That's the name for the Messiah that is.

Amos I wouldn't put too much store by what they say. They're deranged they are.

Jethro No, but it seemed as though they were afraid of him. He had a sort of authority they respected.

Reuben And they don't normally respect anybody.

Amos Perhaps he knew a way of telling which was Ant and which was Dec.

Jethro I think it went deeper than that.

Reuben And during their conversation they were pointing at your pigs.

Jethro That's why we came over to see you.

Amos Pointing at my pigs! Whatever for?

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- Jethro I think he was going to cure them.
- Amos Cure them? Whatever do you mean? There's nothing wrong with my pigs. Fit and healthy every last one of them.
- Jethro No, no. not your pigs. We reckon he was going to cure those two crazy guys – Ant and Dec.
- Amos Huh, and pigs could fly! Not a chance, they are as mad as march hares the pair of them.
- Reuben I reckon you are wrong there when you said pigs can't fly – look Amos.  
*[Pointing forwards]*
- Amos *[Very agitated]* Hey, them's my pigs. Rushing towards the cliff. Stop! Stop Howard! Stop them all. *[Pause. Look of horror]* Oh no they are going over. Every last one of them.
- Reuben No, you were right after all, Amos – pigs can't fly.
- Amos *[Furious, rushing off stage]* Let me get my hands on that Jesus. Teacher or no teacher he's ruined my livelihood.
- Jethro You know what, Reuben?
- Reuben What's that Jethro?
- Jethro I may not know much about economics, but I reckon bacon has just come down.

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