

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sermon: With Him or Against Him

Passage: Luke 11:14-28 (ESV)

Illustration:

Need: Jesus makes it clear that there are only two choices: (1) with Him and God's Kingdom or (2) against Him and with the kingdom of Satan.

I. A Debate Over Power (11:14-16)

- Jesus has again freed a "mute" man demonic possession/oppression. (Matt 12:22 says blind & mute)
- Some in the crowds marveled (positive) others rejected and proposed that Jesus was possessed.
- Beelzebul = an idiomatic reference to Satan (Baalzebub = OT Cannanite god "Lord of flies" 2 Kings 1:2)

II. An Answer That Demands Response (11:17-23)

- Jesus first uses simple logic to show the ridiculousness of this suggestion.
- Jesus then uses their own propaganda to prove His point beyond denial.
- Lastly, Jesus uses an illustration to draw a line in the sand between the kingdoms of God and Satan.
- The clear point is that everyone must choose to be with Jesus or against Him.

III. An Illustration Against Neutrality (11:24-26)

- Jesus uses elements of Jewish folklore and superstition to describe the ways of demonic spirits.
- A physical exorcism only temporarily frees an individual from Satan's grasp.
- If that one does not by faith believe and embrace Jesus then they will ultimately

IV. A Concluding Benediction (11:27-28)

- A random woman shouts out a blessing to Jesus' mother for her privilege and connection to Jesus.
- Jesus, however, proclaims the blessing to all who hear the word of God (Him) and obey (believe).

V. Principles & Application

- Satan is a powerful and destructive foe in this world, but Jesus has proven His superiority.
- Jesus has inaugurated the Kingdom of God on earth and invites us to participate in His work by faith.
- There is no neutrality with Jesus, you are either with Him (light) or against Him (darkness).
- Walk daily in the confidence of the Strong Man, without fear, by hearing and obeying His word.