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Power of Jesus
Luke 11:14-32
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple
and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

1 Corinthians 3:16



In our passage this week we see Jesus cast out a demon that was causing a person to be mute. The religious leaders quickly accuse Jesus of casting out the demon by the power of Beelzebul. Jesus points out to them that a house divided cannot stand thus he is not using the power of Satan to cast out Satan's demons. Jesus goes on to give us further understanding about demons and the importance of not leaving the house empty after a demon leaves. In our world today often we don't talk about demons. However the Scriptures talk a great deal about them. Join us this week as we talk about the power and authority Jesus has over all things and we remember that He has shown this power through the sign of Jonah.



Jesus and Beelzebul

14 Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the man who had been mute began to speak, and the crowds were amazed. 15 But some of them said, “By the power of Beelzebul, the ruler of demons, he casts out demons.” 16 Others, to test him, began asking for a sign from heaven. 17 But Jesus, realizing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is destroyed, and a divided household falls. 18 So if Satan too is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? I ask you this because you claim that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. 19 Now if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. 20 But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has already overtaken you. 21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his possessions are safe. 22 But when a stronger man attacks and conquers him, he takes away the first man’s armor on which the man relied and divides up his plunder. 23 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

Response to Jesus’ Work

24 “When an unclean spirit goes out of a person, it passes through waterless places looking for rest but not finding any. Then it says, ‘I will return to the home I left.’ 25 When it returns, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. 26 Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they go in and live there, so the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

27 As he said these things, a woman in the crowd spoke out to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts at which you nursed!” 28 But he replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!”

The Sign of Jonah

29 As the crowds were increasing, Jesus began to say, “This generation is a wicked generation; it looks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. 30 For just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Son of Man will be a sign to this generation. 31 The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the people of this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon – and now, something greater than Solomon is here! 32 The people of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented when Jonah preached to them – and now, something greater than Jonah is here!

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. What other areas of Scripture are directly related to this passage that might help us understand this passage better?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

8. Who is Beelzebul?

9. Why would the crowd ask for a sign when Jesus just gave them a sign by casting out the demon?

10. Who do the strong man and the stronger man represent?

11. What is able to prevent an unclean spirit from returning to a person, bringing with it 7 additional spirits?

12. What is the sign of Jonah?

13. Why would the people of Nineveh condemn this generation?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

14. Should we fear evil spirits? Why or why not?

15. Is it wrong for us to ask Jesus to show us a sign?

16. Why do you think there seems to be more demons in the gospel accounts than we see today?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes