

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"The Strong Man"
Luke 11:14-28
Study-49

The miracles of Jesus now force the "Disputing Pharisees" to offer some explanation for His power.

Our passage is recorded in **Matthew 12:22-45; Mark 3:22-30;**
Luke 11:14-26

Luke 9:51-19:27 The Rejection Of The Son Of Man

Luke 11 – The Kingdom of God Versus The Kingdom Of Satan

Thought Of Our Passage: "Unbelief Is The Result Of The Rejection Of The Truth Which Is Illogical And Leaves No Room For Neutrality."

- 1. Verses 14-16 The Miracle**
- 2. Verses 17-22 The Logic**
- 3. Verses 23-28 The Warning**

1. Verses 14-16 The Miracle:

Luke 11:14 And This section that we are studying is detailing various encounters on the road to Jerusalem **Luke 9:51-19:27**

And He was casting out a demon, we use the term "*demon possessed, or possessed.*" The most accurate term would be "*demonization or demonized.*"

The Bible teaches that a Christian cannot be Demonized.

Verses 24-26 Impossible

1 John 4:4

and it was mute; "*speechless, or deafness*" Demon had chained his tongue! **Matthew 12:22 was blind; John 10:10**

when the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke; When Jesus comes into the situation, the restrictions are removed.

and the crowds were amazed. Literally "*They were out of their minds*"

Luke 11:15 But some of them said,
Matthew 12:24 But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, Mark
"scribes" (said Jesus was possessed)

Unbelief/Slander - Jesus' Power Over Satan Is From Satan:

"He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons." The name **Beelzebul** – means *"Lord of the flies, dung, Baal the prince, Lord of the height, or Lord of the dwelling"* Canaanite god Baal, later Philistine god

Moderate Slander of Disbelief – Jesus' Power Was Deficient:

Luke 11:16

a sign from heaven – some visible cosmic miracle, activities in the sky.

John's Gospel records Seven Signs.

2. Verses 17-22 The Logic:

Luke 11:17 But He knew their thoughts, and said to them, this shows the omniscience of Jesus. That He was divine

If this was the only exorcism, you could say Satan allowed it for greater good! but Luke alone records at least 10 instances of healing, 4 of exorcisms.

Verses 17-20 Satan Would Not Divide His Kingdom: "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; a kingdom divided will not stand.

Satan has a kingdom. This present world system is Satan's kingdom.

Bible describes the world in three different ways:

1. The World of People – John 3:16

2. The World Physically – This is the physical world. Acts 17:24

3. The World System – John 12:31

Satan Rules In The Lives of Individuals: Ephesians 2:2

1 John 5:19

Satan Has Influence Over Nations: Daniel 10:13

and a house divided against itself falls. Not only a kingdom but a house.

Satan's House Is Unconverted People: The house is the human body.

Luke 11:24

Luke 11:18-19 "And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Acts 19:13-16

So they will be your judges. By accusing Jesus, they implicate themselves!

Luke 11:20

Only Source Is God: "But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, plagues that Moses performed in Egypt. Exodus 8:19; Matthew 12:28 I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, Jesus' Power Came From God, Period!

then the kingdom of God has come upon you. The signs demonstrate that God is active and working.

This is forcing the religious to acknowledge that God is at work.

Verses 21-23 The Strong Man Bound: Luke 11:21

Right of Self-Defense/ Right of Defense of Property: fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are undisturbed;

house – *"courtyard, castle, an estate" (The man demonized was the house)*

Jude 9

Different names for Satan and each name reveals something about his nature.

Satan – adversary, he is the arch enemy of mankind.

Devil – a slanderer **Revelation 12:7-11** accuses the saints before God.

Tempter – *"Satan tempts us to bring out our worst"*

Murderer – when there are homicides, he has something to do with it.

Liar –

Lion – He strikes fear into hearts. Satan operates off the premise of fear.

Serpent – Trickery, he even quotes the Scriptures. Adds and omits.

Abaddon or Apollyon – destruction.

Angel of light - Comes supernatural, he comes with the disguised to look genuine.

Dragon – speaks of the ruthlessness, the blood thirsty creature that is never satisfied.

Luke 11:21 "When a strong man, fully armed,

What are some of the weapons that Satan uses to maintain his kingdom?

1. Pride – 1 Timothy 3:6; Isaiah 14:12-15

2. Fear – Hebrews 2:14-15; Proverbs 9:10

3. Lies – John 8:44; 1 John 4:1

4. Hatred – 1 Peter 5:8

Luke 11:22 but when someone stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, this is speaking of Jesus Christ. Colossians 1:13

he takes away from him all his armor on which he had relied, Satan puts on a front.

and distributes his plunder. This is the result of Christ's victory.

An Eastern monarch after the victory of battle sits down and distributes to those that helped him gain the victory.

3. Verses 23-28 The Warning:

Luke 11:23

No Neutrality With Jesus: "He who is not with Me is against Me;

Not Working With Jesus Is Working Against Jesus: and he who does not gather with Me, scatters. Shepard imagery.

Verses 24-26 Jesus Offers Permanent Defeat Not Temporal:

Luke 11:24

Luke 11:25 "And when it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. Notice it is not occupied but placed in order. **Matthew 12:44 unoccupied, swept, and put in order.**

Luke 11:26 "Then it goes and takes along seven other spirits more evil than itself, The house is empty and now it has eight new guests that are going to move in.

and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first." From bad to worst. Neutral heart is fair game for everything!

Self-Reformation without Regeneration is fatal!

Verses 27-28 Human Family Versus The Divine Family: Luke 11:27
While Jesus was saying these things, Luke injects this interruption that takes place

"Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts at which You nursed." the privilege of Mary. **Luke 1:48** External appearance rather than inward obedience

Luke 11:28 "On the contrary, "you are right, but you have not gone far enough!" **blessed are those who hear the word of God, and observe it."** Jesus was not disagreeing with the woman just making the point that it is more blessed to hear and obey.

Application:

- 1.** Unbelief Is The Result Of The Rejection Of The Truth.
- 2.** Satan Rules In The Lives Of Individuals Who Have Not Placed Their Faith In Jesus Christ. Through Faith We Experience The Victory Of The Cross.
- 3.** No Neutrality With Jesus. **"He who is not with Me is against Me; Not Working With Jesus Is Working Against Jesus. and he who does not gather with Me, scatters.**
- 4.** Jesus Offers Permanent Defeat, Not Temporal.