


**Jesus' Power Over
the Forces of Evil**

Luke 11:14 - 26


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Responses to Jesus' power

- **Luke 11:14-16**


And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute; when the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed. But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons." Others, to test Him, were demanding of Him a sign from heaven.



Testing God is seriously wrong


- **Numbers 14:22, 23**

"Surely all the men who have seen My glory and My signs, which I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have put Me to the test these ten times and have not listened to My voice, shall by no means see the land which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who spurned Me see it."


 **Satan is the ruler of demons**

■ **Luke 11:17, 18**

But He knew their thoughts and said to them, “Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and a house divided against itself falls. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul.”


 **Four implications about Satan**

- Beelzebul and Satan are the same
- Satan is the head of a kingdom
- Satan is in charge of demons who do his bidding
- There is unity under Satan’s dominion


 **Jewish exorcism**

■ **Luke 11:19**


“And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? So they will be your judges.”

 The exorcism really was a sign from heaven


- **Luke 11:20**
“But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

 Jesus is the mightier one who defeats Satan

- **Luke 11:21, 22**
“When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are undisturbed. But when someone stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away from him all his armor on which he had relied and distributes his plunder.”


 To help overthrow Satan’s kingdom is to be for Jesus

- **Luke 11:23**
“He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters.”
- **Luke 9:49, 50**
John answered and said, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name; and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow along with us.” But Jesus said to him, “Do not hinder him; for he who is not against you is for you.”

 We must come to Christ


■ **Luke 11:24 - 26**

When the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and not finding any, it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. Then it goes and takes along seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first.

 Exorcism in Paul's ministry


■ **Acts 19:11, 12**

God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out.

 Jewish "sons" who do exorcism


■ **Acts 19:13, 14**

But also some of the Jewish exorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to name over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, "I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches." Seven sons of one Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this.


 Without Jesus they are powerless

■ **Acts 19:15, 16**

And the evil spirit answered and said to them, "I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?" And the man, in whom was the evil spirit, leaped on them and subdued all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

 Grammatical links Luke 11 and Acts 19

- The kingdom (Luke 11:20; Acts 19:8)
- "sons" and sons of a chief priest who are exorcists (Luke 11:19; Acts 19:14)
- The number 7 (Luke 11:26; Acts 19:14)
- "Overpower" (Luke 11:22; Acts 19:16)
- "He who is not with me is against Me" (The sons of Sceva were not with Jesus as the outcome made evident)
- The "sons" become judges by showing their powerlessness

 Applications and Implications

- 1) In Christ people are liberated from Satan's dominion
- 2) The purpose of signs is to signify the truth of a message
- 3) If we claim to be with Jesus but do not "gather" we are against His purposes

1) In Christ people are liberated from Satan's dominion

■ **Colossians 1:13, 14**

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

1) In Christ people are liberated from Satan's dominion

■ **Colossians 2:14, 15**

having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

2) The purpose of signs is to signify the truth of a message

■ **John 2:11**

This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

■ **John 12:37**

But though He had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in Him.

2) The purpose of signs is to signify the truth of a message

■ **Matthew 24:24**

For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.

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■ **2Thessalonians 2:9, 10**


that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

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■ **Acts 8:5-24**


Simon Magus ("the great power of God")

Philip (proclaiming Christ to them)

 3) If we claim to be with Jesus but do not “gather” we are against His purposes

■ **Luke 10:2**

And He was saying to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

 3) If we claim to be with Jesus but do not “gather” we are against His purposes

■ **John 4:35, 36**

“Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. Already he who reaps is receiving wages, and is gathering fruit for life eternal; that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.”