



INTRODUCING JESUS: THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 11:14-28

Community Group Study Guide Week of August 30, 2020

Despite the prevalence of destruction, murder, greed, perverted sensuality, generational sin, false advertising, and unbiblical theology in our society, we, even as members of the church, downplay the existence of Satan. Such activity, it is thought among many other reasons, is simply part of the bad that comes with the good of modern life or the result of those who are less enlightened or educated being in power. Even worse, many get so deceived that they peg those who hold Biblical viewpoints on sin, salvation, life, death, morality, sanctification, and resurrection as diabolical and dangerous to society.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, knows our experience. Luke 11:14-28 captures a scene where he encounters opponents with life views so twisted and logic so faulty that they accuse him of serving Satan when he casts out a demon from a man.

Does Jesus reply gently to such accusations? Is what appears to be innocent slander or conjecture about his identity a light matter to Jesus? No, he breaks down his opponent's diabolical logic and asserts his supremacy. There is no neutrality; one is either for him or against him. He appeals to his exorcism of the demon, as well as those performed by the children of his accusers, as evidence of his supremacy. Furthermore, he asserts that there is only one way of following him, which is to hear his word and do it with wholehearted conviction. The blessed life is to assert Jesus' authority over all of creation, especially Satan, and stand on his word throughout this life, not wallow in blatant rebellion, faux neutrality or prideful religion.

DISCUSSION GOALS

Head

To know that Jesus is God, and all people are either for him or against him.

Heart

To trust Jesus' words about who he says he is in Scripture.

Hands

To hear the word of God and do it to properly honor Jesus and experience assurance of faith and salvation in this life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In-Person Worship Services
THIS Sunday, September 6 at
9:30AM and 11:30AM.**

**Our 9:30AM service will be
streamed on Facebook and
Youtube**

**Please review our social
distancing policies:** [https://
brookline.mosaicboston.com/
covid-19](https://brookline.mosaicboston.com/covid-19)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Luke 11:14-28

1. How did you feel listening to this week's sermon? Why do you think that was the case? What does this reveal about the typical view towards Satan, sin and evil of your family, church and/or culture of origin?
2. How does Jesus break down the logic of his opponents in this text? How does he argue for his supremacy over Satan?
3. **Read verse 23.** What does this teach about the stance of those who claim to be spiritually "neutral"?
4. What evidence for Jesus' identity as the Messiah and his power over Satan were Jesus' opponents ignoring (hint: see verse 19)? What evidence have you ignored in your life?
5. **Read verses 24-26.** Is "cleaning" one's house sufficient for salvation? How might one go about "cleaning" his house? How have you tried to "clean" your house?
6. Notice that the opponents of Jesus observe an exorcism and immediately engage in debate. What does this reveal about the condition of the reprobate mind? What kind of evidence are you erroneously waiting for/did you wait to find for in order to confess your faith in Christ?
7. Is it worth engaging in spiritual debate with those who have a rebellious heart? How does Jesus teach us to break down their arguments? Is our target in such conversations to "agree to disagree" or declare Jesus as the Christ? How does prayer factor into interactions and relationships with such people?
8. How can one truly know if he is following Jesus or following Satan? Why do Christians have authority to say that there is good and evil in this world?