

Journey VI

Title: *Picking Sides*

Date: 10.18.2020

Text: Luke 11:14-36

**Main Idea: Jesus drew a line in the sand that you cannot straddle.**

Purpose: To call the listener to respond in faith to the news of Jesus and His Kingdom.

Structure: Deductive

Outline:

**I. Jesus warns the hostile: “Join God’s kingdom or be defeated.” (17-26)**

**II. Jesus directs the confused: “Hear my word and keep it.” (27-28)**

**III. Jesus calls the skeptic: “Repent and see the light.” (29-36)**

**Main Idea:**

S: What does Jesus’ response to the crowd’s resistance teach us?

C: As God’s kingdom invades the realm of Satan, you have to pick sides.

BI: The crowd’s resistance and Jesus’ response teaches us that as God’s kingdom invades Satan’s realm, you have to pick sides.

**Homiletical Idea: Jesus drew a line in the sand that you cannot straddle.**

**Introduction:**

READ Luke 11:14-16

Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled.

<sup>15</sup> But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,"

<sup>16</sup> while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven.

**A mute man is delivered, but the crowd doesn’t believe their eyes.**

READ Luke 11:17-26

<sup>17</sup> But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls.

<sup>18</sup> And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul.

<sup>19</sup> And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.

<sup>20</sup> But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

<sup>21</sup> When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe;

<sup>22</sup> but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.

<sup>23</sup> Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

<sup>24</sup> "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'

<sup>25</sup> And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order.

<sup>26</sup> Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

## **I. Jesus warns the hostile: "Join God's kingdom or be defeated."**

Beelzebul – "Satan"

"Finger of God" = "Power of God"

Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said. Exodus 8:19

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Thomas Chalmers: "The expulsive power of a new affection."

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READ Luke 11:27-28

<sup>27</sup> As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!"

<sup>28</sup> But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

## **II. Jesus directs the confused: “Hear my word and keep it.”**

READ Luke 11:29-36

<sup>29</sup> When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, "This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah.

<sup>30</sup> For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.

<sup>31</sup> The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

<sup>32</sup> The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

<sup>33</sup> "No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light.

<sup>34</sup> Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness.

<sup>35</sup> Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness.

<sup>36</sup> If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light."

## **III. Jesus calls the skeptic: “Repent and see the light.”**

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