

JOINING JESUS IN OVERCOMING SATAN
LUKE 11:14–28
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Introduction:

Our problem may not be ignorance of how to cast out demons as much as unawareness of the evil spiritual world. And that unawareness makes us vulnerable.

We need this scripture from Luke to remind us of the spiritual battle we are facing and how we need to look to Jesus and join with Jesus in overcoming Satan.

Luke 11:14–16

Luke 14) This exorcism sets the scene for our whole section. Everything else is a discussion of what happened here.

Luke 15–16) We see different responses to Christ's miracle:

What is the common denominator?

The two main responses:

- 1) Need more evidence
- 2) Satanic power

Luke 11:17–20

Luke 17–18) Jesus shows how illogical their response is.

Luke 19) Jesus shows how inconsistent their response is.

Luke 20)

God's kingdom is **inaugurated** but not **consummated**. The king has come and begun the work of defeating Satan.

Luke 11:21–23

Luke 21–22) Satan is strong, but Jesus is stronger!

Jesus comes to rescue us by overcoming Satan and his work in our lives.

Satan's fortifications are crumbling. Even the disciples and those who cast out demons in Jesus' name have success against him (9:1, 17–18, 49).

Luke 23) We can also overcome Satan and gather people for God's kingdom, but we must do it with Jesus, not on our own power.

A war is going on and each of us must choose sides.

"I'm not a follower of Jesus, but I'm not against him." (Oh yes you are!)

Luke 11:24–26

Waterless places are probably desert places where there are no people. Demons want to find a home in people so they can enslave humanity and cause disorder.

[2 Peter 2:20]

Luke 11:27–28

Luke 27) American paraphrase: 'Your mother must be so proud to have such a fine son.'

The woman's remark is correct but not complete.

Luke 28) Jesus' concern is how people respond to his ministry: hearing and obeying.

[Luke 8:21; 11:28]

How to hear the word of God

1. What commands are there to obey?
2. What examples are there to follow or avoid?
3. What does this section teach me about God?
4. What do others say?
5. What am I going to do with this?

Conclusion:

Our tiny planet is the place where two huge kingdoms are warring (over us!)

[Revelation 12:12, 17]

We are involved in the war, and we have a say in what happens!

"But didn't Jesus do all the work and we simply benefit?"

- The kingdom is inaugurated but not yet consummated.
- Jesus calls us to join him in gathering people for the kingdom of God.
- We have access to same power source Jesus had. [**1 John 4:4**]

Questions for Reflection or Group Discussion

1. You might want to take a section of scripture (such as Philippians 2:1–11) and practice asking the five questions Rick suggested to help you hear the word of God.
2. How aware are you of the spiritual war we are in? If you're not very aware, do you agree that such unawareness makes you more vulnerable?
3. In your personal life, what areas do you think Satan is especially attacking? In the world, what areas do you think Satan is especially attacking?
4. Discuss what it might mean to "gather with" Jesus (Luke 11:23).
5. Jesus said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" (Luke 11:28). You have heard Luke 11:14–28; now how are you going to keep it?
6. Prayer is a key weapon and resource in our battle against Satan's kingdom, so spend some time praying.