

Luke 11 Pt 5

Magnify the Lord

Luke 11:14b [Jesus cast out a demon] ...and the multitudes marveled. 15 But some of them [accused and] said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons..."

Others **Tested Him** by **Seeking a Sign** from Heaven

VI. Seek a Sign? You've Seen Enough

29 And while the crowds were **thickly gathered** together, He began to say, "**This is an evil generation.** It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet."

Tested Jesus by Seeking a Sign

- **Test:** To temp presumptuously. Provoke.

Psalm 78:40 How **often they provoked Him** in the wilderness, And grieved Him in the desert! 41 Yes, **again and again** they tempted God, And limited the Holy One of Israel.42They **did not remember His power:** The day when He redeemed them from the enemy,43 **When He worked His signs in Egypt**

Deuteronomy 6:16 You shall not **tempt the Lord** your God as you tempted Him in **Massah**.

- **Miracles seen from Exodus to Massah**

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| 1. Protection from Plagues in Egypt | Ch's. 7-11 of Exodus |
| 2. Crossing of Red Sea on Dry Land | Ch. 14 |
| 3. Bitter waters made Sweet | Ch. 15 |
| 4. Bread from Heaven | Ch. 16. Continued to test God by complaining... |

Exodus 17:3 ...the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ...**6** [God to Moses] Behold, **I will stand before** you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel **7** So he called the name of the place **Massah** and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted [tested] the Lord, saying, "**Is the Lord among us or not?**"

Matthew 4:7b... [Devil: Jump/God will catch you] "It is written again, '**You shall not tempt the Lord your God.**'"

If I could just see one more sign I would believe. No you won't.

Luke 16:27 'If they do not hear Moses/the prophets [i.e. Word of God] , **neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.**'

- **Miracles seen from Jesus birth to now in Luke...**

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| 1. Casting out demon in Capernaum | Ch.4 |
| 2. Healing Peter's Mother-in-Law | Ch.4 |
| 3. Healing of sick in Capernaum | Ch.4 |
| 4. Catch of fish | Ch. 5 |
| 5. Heals the Leper | Ch.5 |

6. Heals Paralytic	Ch.5
7. Heals withered hand	Ch.6
8. Heals Centurion Slave	Ch.7
9. Raised Widows Son	Ch.7
10. Calms the Sea	Ch.8
11. Casts demons from man to pigs	Ch.8
12. Heals woman w/Issue of Blood	Ch.8
13. Raises Jairus' Daughter	Ch.8
14. Heals many	Ch.9
15. Feeds 15,000 [Bread from Heaven]	Ch.9
16. Delivers Father's only Son	Ch.9
17. Heals Blind/Mute/Possessed	Ch.11
18. Heals 18 yearlong cripple women	Ch.13

Evil Generation: Witnessed God's prophetic Word perfectly fulfilled demand more
Give us another sign...You've seen enough

John 3:19 ...this is the condemnation, that the **light has come into the world**, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light [Accept Revelation of Jesus], lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light [Jesus] , that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

- **IOWs** You don't see because you choose to walk in the dark

No more signs except one...Sign of Jonah the Prophet
Death/Burial/Resurrection

- **Jonah:** 3 Days in in Belly of Fish/**Jesus** 3 Days in Heart of the Earth
- 3rd Day Jonah delivered from death/3rd Day I will rise again...**you still wont believe**

30 For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation.

Jonah's deliverance validated Jonah's message of judgment to Nineveh
Jesus deliverance from death validates every Word Jesus spoke

Romans 1:3 [Jesus] ...born of the seed of David according to the flesh, 4 and **declared to be the Son of God** with power according to the Spirit of holiness, [How?] **by [His] resurrection** from the dead.

1 Timothy 3:16 ...without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified [vindicated] in the Spirit...

- **Vindicated:** Resurrection proved conclusively Jesus is who He said He is. Son of God/God the Son

Who are you who demand another sign? Nonetheless... I'll give you one more
 You'll be shamed by OT heathens who repented w/much less proof

31 The queen of the South will rise up in 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 indeed a greater than Solomon is here. 32 The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and

condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.

- **Queen of Sheba** Sought God's wisdom through Solomon/repented
- **Men of Nineveh** Listened to God's message through Jonah/repented. Both saw...
 1. No miracles
 2. No healing
 3. No deliverance from demons...

The Son of God was in their midst...They sought another sign
The Son of God is in our midst...Do we test God by demanding a sign after all we have seen?

- We have a choice when Light is revealed...

VII. Receive the True Light or Walk in Darkness

33 "No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light. 34 The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. 35 Therefore **take heed** that the light which is in you is not darkness. 36 If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as **when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light.**"

Spiritual Light vs Spiritual Darkness

- Light is to be received by the eye
- If the eye is bad/blind it cannot see light...even when it is shining in front of them

Some saw Jesus brightness, some did not. Others thought the Light wasn't bright enough and demanded to see more. "Our Lord's constant answer was to **continue shining on**. He was meant to be observed; even as a lamp is intended to be seen." [Spurgeon]

Jesus offered Light...Light is Revelation...Revelation demands a Response
Choice: Receive the Light or be Deceived by Darkness

Our eyes are likened to a lamp. A lamp is not the light but a light holder. Light is revelation and we as the light holder either receive or reject that revelation. We must be discerning to set our eyes [heart/mind/motives] on what we **know to be true** by God's Word because darkness disguises itself as enlightenment and will eventually consume our being **if we allow it in**. [NJC]

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

God's word is light that shines in this dark world. But it is not enough that the Light be shining externally, it must enter our lives before it can do any good. The brightest sun cannot enable a blind man to see. [Tozer]

Psalm 119:30 The entrance of Your words **gives light**; It gives understanding to the simple.

Each of us is controlled either by light or darkness. The frightening thing is that some people have so hardened themselves against the Lord that *they cannot tell the difference!* They think they are following the light when, in reality, they are following the darkness. [Tozer] [E.g. Gabe]

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| ▪ Bad Eye | Willfully Blinded by things of world | Spiritual Darkness |
| ▪ Good Eye | Readily Open to things of God | Spiritual Light |

1 John 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And **the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.**

- **Context in Luke 12:** Jews denial of HS Revelation of Jesus the Light

John 12:35 [Jesus warns the people] "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

- **Jesus warns...** Take heed that what you think you know is **actually true**
- **World asserts** w/authority...
 1. People are intrinsically good. No such thing as sin
 2. There are absolutely no absolutes. What?
 3. Morality is relative: No physical/mental/emotional/spiritual/eternal consequences?
 4. All paths lead to God if sincere...thus Jesus is not necessary for Salvation...

[CNN January 19, 2015] At a conference in Rome Pope Francis said that **God redeems everyone** -- not just Christians, but atheists, as well. "We must meet one another doing good," the pope said. To those who say: "'But I don't believe, Father, I am an atheist!'" the pope said, "But do good: **We will meet one another there.**" *They will all meet.* [Italic mine]

Jesus: Take heed that what you accept as enlightenment is not actually darkness
Especially when it concerns your Eternal Soul...Heaven and how to get there...

John 3:5 ... unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he **cannot enter** the kingdom of God.

John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, /life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Acts 4:12 ... there salvation in [no] other, for there is **no other name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Warning: Take heed that what you think you know is actually true. Don't get Jesus wrong

- After Jesus warns unpardonable sin He will turn to Gentiles
- Not before lays out those who accused/tested Him. Why?...Why?

Their self-important arrogant accusing/testing were affecting/infecting others
IOWs Religious Leaders were leading people to hell...

VIII. Woe to Hypocrites Brutal Love

37 And as [Jesus] spoke, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. So He went in and sat down to eat.

- **Pharisees/Sadducees/Scribes:** Religious Leaders of the time

Read: Those who claim religious authority but don't have any Unanointed/Unappointed/Self-Promoting Fakers

- **Look Good/Smell Good/Sound Good:** Wouldn't know God from an space alien

Popes, Priests, LDS/JW/SDA Leaders, Imams, Dali lamas, *Spiritual* authors offering enlightenment, AA/NA Leaders/Sponsors, Modern Day Prophets/Apostles...Un-appointed/un-anointed self-promoting fakers...

- **One invites Jesus to dinner...**

38 When the Pharisee saw [Jesus sit down/eat], he marveled that He had **not first washed before dinner.**

- **Jesus skips the man-made ritual...**He was hungry
- **Pharisee appalled:**

"How can this guy claim to know God and not wash even His hands?"

For these ceremonial washings, special stone vessels of water were kept, because ordinary water might be unclean. In performing the ceremonial washing, you had to take at least enough of this water to fill one and one-half eggshells. You started by pouring the water over your hands starting at the fingers and running down towards your wrist. Then you cleansed each palm by rubbing the fist of the other hand into it. Then you poured water over your hands again, this time from the wrist towards the fingers...

- **IOWs How can you claim to know God and...**

1. Not belong to our group/Not do what we do
2. Not look like we look/smell like we smell...**But who gave them authority?**

Colossians 2:16 [Condemnation of man-made religion/tradition] ...let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or **sabbaths**, 17 which are **a shadow of things to come**, but the **substance is of Christ**. 18 Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking **delight in false humility** and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind...**20** Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations— 21 "Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle," 22 which all concern things which perish with the using—according to the commandments and **doctrines of men**? 23 These things indeed have an **appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility**, and neglect of the body, but are of **no value against the indulgence of the flesh.**

2 Corinthians 11:3 [Vital for deception coming: Rest in His finished work]...I fear, lest somehow as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the **simplicity that is in Christ.**

39 Then the Lord [answered] him, "Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your **inward part** is full of greed and wickedness.

- **Jesus hits the ground running:** Begins throwing down/crushing concept man-made religion

You are like shiny cups of filth
Nice/Polished for people to see but inside...Greed/Wickedness

40 **Foolish ones!** Did not He who made the outside make the inside also? 41 But rather give alms of such things as you have; then indeed all things are clean to you.

- Receive inward cleaning **THEN** your deeds will be received by God

Turns up the volume/intensity for good reason. Their Eternity is at stake
Religion: Blocks the way to heaven. Blocks the way to Jesus. No need for Cross...

Matthew 23:13 "...woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

- **Six more Woes to those who claim Spiritual authority but have none...**

42 "But [1] **woe to you Pharisees!** For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and **pass by justice** and the **love of God**. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

- You Replace Love of Man/God w/Religious activity

43 [2] **Woe to you Pharisees!** For you love the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces.

- **You exchange** sincere quiet devotion w/love for applause. **Reverend?**

44 [3] **Woe to you,** scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like graves which are not seen, and the men who walk over them are not aware of them."

- Woe to you Pharisees, hypocrites! [Still in the man's living room]
- **Whitewashed Tombs...**Cleaned/painted white for Passover while crucifying the Lamb of God

People come to you as protectors from defilement
You make them unclean because you yourself are dead

- No Holy Spirit/No Godly Wisdom/No true counsel
 1. Say 4 Hail Mary's and see you next week
 2. Go door to door keep records. Don't to get to tithe. No Pepsi for you.
 3. Keep Sabbath/Don't wear make-up/No tattoos...but where is Jesus in this counsel?

Matthew 23:13 ...you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

- Claim to offer life **but your dead**/Claim to offer cleansing but you yourself are **filthy**

45 Then one of the lawyers answered and said to Him, "Teacher, by saying these things You **reproach us also.**"

- **Lawyers:** Those **schooled in the Law of Moses**

**Teacher I know your talking to the Pharisees...but You offend us also
We know you certainly don't want to do that? Right?**

46 And He said, [4] "**Woe to you also, lawyers!** For you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.

- **Everything Jesus says is LOVE:** God is love. Love is not love w/out TRUTH

Jesus walked in Grace/Truth

Truth without Love is Brutality/Love without Truth is Hypocrisy Wiersbe

- **Woe to you lawyers!**
- You burden people w/guilt re. keeping the Law...**Laws you are unable to keep!**

Acts 15:10 [Peter to legalists]... why do you **test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?** 11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they."

47 [5] Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers **killed them.**

- **Woe to you Religious Leaders!** Descendants of the Prophets of God
 1. You decorate their tombs yet...
 2. Your fathers were the ones who killed them

48 In fact, **you bear witness** that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you **build their tombs.**

You snuffed out the **Light/Life** of the OT Prophets as you will do to Me

- You even teach from the books of Prophets your father's murdered?

49 Therefore the **wisdom of God** also said, 'I will send them **prophets** and **apostles**, and some of them they will **kill and persecute,**' 50 that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, 51 from the **blood of Abel** to the **blood of**

Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, **it shall be required of this generation.**

- **In God's Wisdom:** I.e. Not a mistake...
 1. I sent Prophets **knowing you would kill them**
 2. I am sending Apostles **knowing you will kill them also**
 3. The Father sent Me and you will kill Me in a matter of days...
- **Why would God send those he knew would be killed?**
 1. Because it exposed man's sin: Especially the cross. Men are not good
 2. Because God knew some would listen...**not all**

You are responsible for the Light given to you in the Prophets that you killed...thus
This generation's blood will be required in less than 40 years

52 [6] **"Woe to you lawyers!** For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered."

- **Woe to you Lawyers!**
- You throw away the key to knowledge: True interpretation of Scripture

You misinterpret clear prophecies that would prove Jesus as Messiah

Isaiah 50:6 I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.

- **Jews** have Isaiah and deny Jesus as Messiah
- **JW's** change John 1: Word [Jesus] was "a god"?
- **LDS** promote *another gospel*...All claim authority/offer enlightenment

Jesus Words at Judgment to Religion Leaders?
You will not enter...You hindered others from entering...**Depart!**

53 And as [Jesus] said these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to **assail Him vehemently**, and to cross-examine Him about many things, 54 lying in wait for Him, and seeking to catch Him in something He might say, that they might accuse Him.

Q. How do we know when a person has no argument
A. They begin to attack the person. Ad Hominem

- Result of Jesus lovely dinner w/Religious Leaders/His Brutal Love/Effort to Save their Souls?
 1. Begin to assail Him **Vehemently**
 2. Begin to cross-examine Him **Continually**
 3. Begin to set traps and **Eventually**...murder the Son of God
- **Yet some would believe**...Those with eyes to receive true Light. Humble. Broken.

Religion blinds people to the True Light. Religion loves self and hates Jesus...
Religious Leaders are enemies of God/Grace no matter how clean their hands are