

May 5th, 2024 – (AM insert)

“With Him or Against Him?”

Luke 11:14-23

Read Luke 11:14-16... It was fairly common for demons to indwell people.

See **Luke 4:33-35, 41; 9:37-39, 41-42...**

Jesus sent out the Twelve (**Luke 9:1**), “He gave them power and authority over all demons and to heal diseases,” and the seventy (**Luke 10:17**), “returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.’”

Mark 1:27, “They were all amazed, [and] debated among themselves, saying, ‘What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.’”

Matthew 9:32-34, “A mute, demon-possessed man was brought to [Jesus]. After the demon was cast out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed, and were saying, ‘Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.’ But the Pharisees were saying, ‘He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons [Beelzebub].’”

Attributing Jesus’ power and ministry to Satan, they are asking for another sign, for they have hardened their hearts toward Him (see **John 10:22-42**).

Read Luke 11:17-19... Jesus’ authority has been challenged; Jesus knew their thoughts (**Luke 6:8**), “He knew what they were thinking.”

How ridiculous that Satan would empower Jesus to cast out demons.

James 2:19, “You believe that [there is only one] God. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.” **Matthew 25:41**, “The eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels.”

2Corinthians 11:14-15, “Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.”

1John 3:7-8, “Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.”

2Corinthians 4:3-6, “Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, ‘Light shall shine out of darkness,’ is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.”

1John 1:9-10, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.”

See Acts 19:11-17... God was performing mighty works through Paul in Ephesus to convince the people that Paul was sent from God.

Some Jewish exorcists weren’t able to cast out demons, so they tried, “in the name of the Lord Jesus, whom Paul preaches, come out!”

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Read Luke 11:20... The finger of God? See **Exodus 8:19; 31:18.**

Jesus should be worshipped, not ridiculed; those who reject Him commit blasphemy, remaining dead in their sins and separated from God.

John 8:44-47, “You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me. Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God.”

Read Luke 11:21-22... Jesus presents an analogy affirming He is from God.

Luke 4:18-19, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.”

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.”

Acts 2:21, “And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,” (4:12), “there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

1John 3:8, “The devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.”

Hebrews 2:14, “Through death He [Jesus Christ] rendered powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.”

Read Luke 11:23... The reality is no one is neutral when it comes to Jesus Christ, God’s Son, Lord and Savior, Crucified, Resurrected, and Coming Back to take all those who believe in Him, to be with Him, in heaven, forever.

Jesus [God’s Salvation] is the only way to God, the only truth from God, the only life with God; there is absolutely no other way to be saved and to go to heaven.

Matthew 11:28-30, “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

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