

Sermon Notes | **with** - Luke 11:14–54

Big Idea: The way you interpret Jesus affects your whole life.

I. Jesus Teaches and Does Things That Require a Decision (v.14–32)

¹⁴ Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵ But some of them said, "He casts out **demons by Beelzebul**, the prince of demons," ¹⁶ while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a **sign from heaven**. ¹⁷ But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls.

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

²³ Whoever is **not with me is against me**, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. ²⁴ "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.' ²⁵ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶ 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**." ²⁷ 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!" ²⁸ But he said, "Blessed rather are those who **hear** the word of God and keep it!" ²⁹ 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**. ³⁰ For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. ³¹ 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. ³² 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.

II. Be Careful How You Interpret Jesus (v.33–36)

³³ "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**. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ Therefore **be careful** lest the light in you be darkness. ³⁶ 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."

Psalm 119:18

"Open my eyes, Lord, that I might behold wondrous things out of Your law."

Common False Interpretations of Jesus

1. Moral Teacher
2. Political Mascot
3. Affirming Therapist
4. Genie
5. Punisher

III. There Are Consequences for How You Respond to Jesus (v.37–54)

³⁷ While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee asked him to dine with him, so he went in and reclined at table. ³⁸ The Pharisee was astonished to see that he did not first wash before dinner. ³⁹ And the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰ You fools! Did not he who made the outside make the inside also?"

⁵³ As he went away from there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press him hard and to provoke him to speak about many things, ⁵⁴ lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

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Make sure you interpret rightly.

Word of God in Context

Church

Lifestyle of confession

Spiritual friendships

Openness to learn (Journey inward)

Discussion Questions | **with** - Luke 11:14–54

Questions

- What did God speak to you this weekend?

Read Luke 11:23

- What does it mean that Jesus requires a decision?

Read Luke 11:33–36

- How do you currently interpret who Jesus is?
- In what ways have you been tempted toward a false or distorted interpretation of Him?

Read Luke 11:37–52

- In what ways have you seen yourself think or act like the Pharisees or lawyers in this passage?
- How can you grow this month in rightly understanding and responding to Jesus?