

Jesus Faces the False Accusation of Working for Demons (Luke 11:14-26)

<p>¹⁴ And He <u>was</u> casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled.</p>	<p>1. Jesus Casts Out a _____ <i>a. The mute one _____</i> <i>b. The crowds _____</i></p>
<p>¹⁵ But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub¹, the ruler of the demons." ¹⁶ Others, testing <i>Him</i>, <u>sought</u> from Him a sign from heaven.</p>	<p>2. Jesus Is _____ of Using Demons <i>a. He _____ by Beelzebub</i> <i>b. Others sought a _____</i></p>
<p>¹⁷ But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house <i>divided</i> against a house falls.</p>	<p>3. Jesus Answers with _____ <i>[re: fighting demons with demons]</i> <i>a. _____: It's self-defeating</i></p>
<p>¹⁸ "If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub.</p>	<p><i>b. _____:</i> <i>It would be illogical for Satan</i></p>
<p>¹⁹ "And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast <i>them</i> out? Therefore they will be your judges.</p>	<p><i>c. _____:</i> <i>Any similar workers of good would work by Beelzebub.</i></p>
<p>²⁰ "But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.</p>	<p><i>d. _____:</i> <i>The only other option affirms God's presence.</i></p>
<p>²¹ "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. ²² "But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils.</p>	<p><i>e. _____: It evidences One stronger than Satan is here. [This is what it looks like.]</i></p>
<p>²³ "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.</p>	<p><i>f. _____: There are only 2 sides: with me or against me.</i></p>
<p>²⁴ "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' ²⁵ "And when he comes, he finds <i>it</i> swept and put in order. ²⁶ "Then he goes and takes with <i>him</i> seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last <i>state</i> of that man is worse than the first."</p>	<p><i>g. Empty _____:</i> <i>Unless God is involved, the rescue is pointless and temporary.</i></p>

3 Summary Thoughts:

- Expect _____:** *Even the perfect Son of God was attacked and accused as He did amazing miracles.*
- Acknowledge _____:** *Many people have chosen a posture of unbelief, and thus any miracle or message is – in a sense – already rejected.*

John 3:19-20 ¹⁹ "And 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, lest his deeds should be exposed.
John 7:7 "The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil.
Romans 1:18-25 ¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man-- and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. ²⁴ Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen
2 Thessalonians 2:12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.
- Engage _____:** *Unbelief is illogical. Use the truth of God's Word in a logical way as a tool to help people see their unbelief.*

Acts 17:2 Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, (17:17; 18:4,19; 24:25)
Acts 26:19-23 ¹⁹ "Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, ²⁰ "but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and *then* to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance. ²¹ "For these reasons the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill *me*. ²² "Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come— ²³ "that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the *Jewish* people and to the Gentiles."