

KING FOR ALL #26

Luke's Gospel

Controversy

Luke 11:14-36

A. SERMON POINTS

1. A stronger man (v17-26)
2. A more blessed person (v27-28)
3. A greater prophet and king (v29-32)



B. DISCUSSION STARTER

Do you see different reactions to Jesus amongst your colleagues, friends and family?
What are some of their opinions about Jesus?

C. FROM THE BIBLE

In v14-16, we see three different responses to Jesus: marvelling, a charge of collusion with Satan, and a demand for an additional sign to authenticate his mission. Jesus speaks to these three responses in v17-27, v27-28 & v29-32.

1. What is Jesus' response to:

Those that charge him with demonic collusion?

Those that marvel?

Those that demand an additional sign? Cf. Matthew 12:40

2. Why should the generation to whom Jesus preached stand condemned at the judgment? What was their sin?
3. What is the conclusion? (v33-36)

Notes

V19. *"Your sons"* probably refers to the Jewish exorcists. V20-22 shows Jesus' complete mastery over Satan in comparison with the imperfect cures of the exorcists (v24-26).

V20. *"Finger of God"*. This phrase comes from the book of Exodus indicating the Supernatural Power of God. cf. Exodus 8:19-19 & 31:18. Note that Pharaoh's magicians were able to copy some of the miracles (Ex. 7:11, 7:22, 8:7). Just because something is miraculous does not mean it is right or from God. Satan is very powerful and uses his power in all kinds of ways to deceive people. But in the end Pharaoh's magicians are forced to acknowledge the supreme power of God in Ex. 8:18-19.

V34-36. The function of the eye, as the organ by which the body makes use of the light, is taken as an analogy for spiritual perception, which must be in good order to receive the light of revelation, the light of Jesus. The allusion is to the spiritual blindness of "this evil generation" (v29).

D. IMPLICATIONS FOR ME

1. What characterizes your response to Jesus? Marvelling, doubt, antagonism, or obedience to his Word (v28)?
2. Jesus was not distracted from his mission by either praise or opposition. How did Jesus handle praise and opposition? How do we cope with both these? How do we ensure we stay on track in our mission as disciples?
3. *"Just because something is miraculous does not mean it is right or from God. Satan is very powerful and uses his power in all kinds of ways to deceive people."* Would you agree with this statement? How can this be seen in the false religions of our world?
4. How can we develop healthy eyes (v34) to perceive clearly what God is saying, in his Word, and doing, in our world?

E. PRAYER SUGGESTION

Pray for our Ladies' ministry and for our upcoming Ladies' Brunch ("Hope has a name") on Saturday 16 November.

Pray for our "If you were God..." evangelistic campaign and the upcoming Christmas holiday sermon series.

The purpose of this question and campaign is to help us understand better the questions people have about God so that we can attempt to answer those questions from the Bible in our next sermon series. We hold the view that the Bible is our authority and guide, and we would love to better understand and hopefully answer the real questions people have. Answers will really help us as we plan for our "If I were God..." sermon series in the Christmas school holidays.

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*If you were God,
what would you
do differently?*

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