# "The Gospel According to Luke: Whoever Is Not With Me Is Against Me" Luke 11:14-26

"When it comes to good and evil, God wants us 'to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil' (Romans 16:19). Our best protection against demons is less preoccupation with them and more preoccupation with God — less understanding of deception and more understanding of truth." – Jon Bloom

"For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you."

(Matthew 11:23b-24)

## • Luke 11:14-23:

- "He casts out demons by the power of Beelzebul": "Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this sickness." (2 Kings 1:2)
- "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste": "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son." (Colossians 1:13)
- "By whom do your sons cast them out?": "Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus...." (Acts 19:13)
- "But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons": "Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, 'This is the finger of God'. But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said." (Exodus 8:19)
- "But when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him": "Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." (1 John 3:8)

### Matthew 12:31-32:

- To blaspheme the Holy Spirit is to reject the testimony/evidence of the Holy Spirit confirming that Jesus is the Messiah. It is a determined rejection of Jesus as Messiah despite all the evidence demonstrated by the Holy Spirit. It is rejecting the only means of salvation, Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 2:3-4)
- "Whoever blasphemes the name of the Lord shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall stone him. The sojourner as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death." (Leviticus 24:16)
- "Though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief." (1 Timothy 1:13)

### • Luke 11:24-26:

- Religion: "For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first." (2 Peter 2:20)
- Relief: "One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.... Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, 'See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you."
   (John 5:5,14)
- Experience: "Many believed in His name when they saw the signs that He was doing. But Jesus on His part did not entrust Himself to them, because He knew all people." (John 2:23b-24)
- o Rescue: Our text

Worship: All Creatures — Kings Kaleidoscope

Hold Him High — Citizens

### **Announcements:**

- **★DONATIONS:** Please see the June Newsletter for more information about our June Donation Collection for Heartbeats.
- ★MEMBERS' MEETING: We are having a Members' Meeting NEXT Sunday, June 8th, immediately following the worship service. Please see the June Newsletter for more details about this important meeting!
- **★VOLUNTEERS:** The Cleaning Ministry is looking for a few more volunteers to join the ministry. If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions about the ministry, please see Krystal.
- ★CANOE/KAYAK TRIP: Please see the June Newsletter for more information about this event.
- ★MEN OF LEGACY LUNCH: Men, we are having our First Annual Men of Legacy Lunch on Saturday, June 21st, at 11am, here at the church. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for this great time of food and fellowship. There is a sign-up list on the wall in the Entryway, please sign-up if you plan on attending this lunch so we know how many men we need to plan to feed!
  - -<u>LADIES</u>: We need your help as we celebrate the Men of Legacy! We will need the Ladies of Legacy to sign-up to help put the lunch together for this event! You have your own sign-up list on the wall in the Entryway. We need as many ladies as possible to sign-up to volunteer their time and energy to set-up for this event!
- -For any questions, please see Kathleen Riley (740)497-7990.
- **★NEW MEMBERS' CLASS:** Please see the June Newsletter for more information about this upcoming class.