

# Someone Stronger Is Here

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**LUKE 11:14-36**

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# Where are we in Luke?

**LUKE 9:51 (ESV)**

When the days  
drew near for him  
to be taken up, he  
set his face to go  
to Jerusalem.

**LUKE 10:18 (ESV)**

“I saw Satan fall  
like lightning  
from heaven.”

**LUKE 11:13 (ESV)**

...how much more  
will the heavenly  
Father give the  
Holy Spirit to  
those who ask  
him!

READ TOGETHER

## Luke 11:14–20 (ESV)

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. 18 And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. 19 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. 20 But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

## Luke 11:21–28 (ESV)

21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; 22 but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. 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!”

**Spiritually mute.  
Quietly defeated.**

# How strong is Jesus against the darkness

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**Someone stronger is  
here.**

*Everyone saw what he did. Hardly anyone came close.*

**POINT 1 • vv 14 – 23**

# Who is stronger

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*Jesus is the Stronger One*



LUKE 11:14 (ESV)

Now he was casting out a demon that was mute.  
When the demon had gone out, the mute man  
spoke, and the people marveled.

**The question isn't just how strong  
is Jesus.  
It's what will you do with him.**

# One verse of miracle. Twenty-two verses of reaction.

LUKE 11:15 (ESV)

But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,”

LUKE 11:16 (ESV)

while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven.

# Jesus' brilliant answer

*“But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them...” (Luke 11:17–20, ESV)*

## 1 • COMMON SENSE (V18)

And if Satan also is  
divided against  
himself, how will his  
kingdom stand?

## 2 • YOUR DOUBLE STANDARD (V19)

And if I cast out  
demons by Beelzebul,  
by whom do your  
sons cast them out?  
Therefore they will be  
your judges.

## 3 • THE REAL ANSWER (V20)

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

# Three voices. Three **lies**. One answer.

## THE VOICE

## THE LIE UNDERNEATH

## HOW JESUS ANSWERS

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### **The explainers**

*Say he's working for the devil  
(v15)*

*"That wasn't really  
God."*

The devil doesn't fight himself.  
It's the finger of God (vv17–20)

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### **The testers**

*Demand a sign from heaven  
(vv16, 29)*

*"God has to pass my  
test."*

He knows their thoughts. No  
sign on demand. The sign is  
Jesus (vv17, 29–32)

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### **The admirers**

*Praise him from a distance  
(v27)*

*"Admiring him is  
enough."*

Blessed rather are those who  
hear the word of God and keep it  
(v28)

LUKE 11:21–22 (ESV)

When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one **stronger than** he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.

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LUKE 3:16 (ESV)

*“...he who is mightier than I is coming...”*

LUKE 22:53 (ESV)

...But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

COLOSSIANS 2:15 (ESV)

He **disarmed** the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

# The Stronger One **won** by letting himself **lose**



# Who is stronger, Jesus or the devil

# We say Jesus is stronger... but we live like the enemy is

- “If I serve God, the enemy will attack me — so I’ll stay in my lane.”
- “Don’t pray too boldly. You might stir something up.”
- “If I share my faith, something bad will happen.”
- “This is just who I am. I’ll never change.”
- Jesus — plus a little backup “just in case.”

**When fear of the devil decides what  
you will and won't do for God, you  
are living as if **he's the strong man.****



**Someone stronger is  
here.**

*Jesus can set you free.*

POINT 2 • vv 24 – 28

# Is it enough just to **clean** **up** your life

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*Cleaned up is not the same as set free*

LUKE 11:24 (ESV)

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.’

*“my house” — the house is a person*

**LUKE 11:25–26 (ESV)**

And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. 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.

*Cleaned up is not the same as set free*



**You don't need a tidier house.  
You need a new owner.**

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**LUKE 11:13 (ESV)**

*If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!*

# Who is truly blessed?

LUKE 11:27 (ESV)

“Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!”

LUKE 11:28 (ESV)

“Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

# Guard — and keep

*Same Greek word: φυλάσσω (phylassō) — to guard, to keep watch*

**LUKE 11:21 (ESV)**

When a strong man, fully armed, **guards** his own palace, his goods are safe;

**LUKE 11:28 (ESV)**

But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and **keep** it!”



**Someone stronger is  
here.**

*He doesn't just clean the house. He moves in.*

**POINT 3 · vv 29 – 36**

# **Why can't people see Jesus**

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*The sign is here. The problem is the  
eye.*



**LUKE 11:29–30 (ESV)**

“This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.

# Something greater is here

## LUKE 11:31 (ESV)

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.

## LUKE 11:32 (ESV)

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.

**The sign is Jesus himself.  
And God proved it:  
an empty tomb.**

**So if the sign has been given,  
why can't people see it**

## LUKE 11:33–36 (ESV)

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. 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. Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness. 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.

*The problem isn't the light. It's the eye.*

*The light is on. Look at him.*

# **How strong is Jesus against the darkness**

**1 JOHN 4:4 (ESV)**

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.



**Someone stronger is  
here.**

**Don't be afraid.**  
**Be free.**  
**Rise up.**

# Who lives in **your** house

# Come

*Follow Jesus · Be set free · Ask for the Spirit*