Text: Luke 11:14-54

Topics: Faith in Christ, Hypocrisy, Proofs

Series: That You Know Jesus

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Believe in Jesus or Not?

I. Jesus Refutes (14-28)

Everyone is either for or against Jesus.

Those who are for Jesus demonstrate it by *taking* in and *living* out God's Word.

II. Jesus Warns (29-36)

To <u>demand</u> more proof rather than <u>believe</u> what Jesus says, is to remain in <u>darkness</u>.

III. Jesus Condemns (37-54)

To <u>emphasize</u> an outer <u>appearance</u> of sinlessness, and <u>ignore</u> an inner <u>presence</u> of sinfulness, results in rejection of Jesus.

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. Read Luke 11:14-28. What 2 reasons does Jesus give in refuting the charge that He is working in Satan's power? (v. 17-19). What other option does He pose for what He did? (v. 20).

Jesus is clear in verse 23, people cannot be neutral, they'll either be for Him or against Him. What 2 things does Jesus urge His listeners to consider? (one before v. 23, and one after)

What does being "for" Jesus look like in your life? Do any "not for" times come to mind?

2. Read Luke 11:29-36. What are the points Jesus is making to the sign-seekers by referring to Jonah and the Queen of the South? What point is Jesus making with the example of the lamp, the light, and the eye?

In what ways can you see Jesus and God's Word as gifts of His grace to you?

3. Read Luke 11:37-54. What are the 3 woes Jesus gives to the Pharisees and the 3 woes He gives to the lawyers. What is Jesus making them aware of?

If Jesus were to address you in a similar way, what would be the woes? Be specific.

Apply the gospel to your woes. What response does this draw from you?