



Unclean Spirits Luke 11:14-26

Something to Start Us Off

- How would you describe the popular conception of demons? Can you think of any examples you have seen or heard to show what people commonly think?

Something to Notice

- What do some people accuse Jesus of in v.15?
- In v.20, Jesus points them to another conclusion. What is it?
- Jesus tells a story in vv.24-26. How does it end?

Something to Understand

11:15 Beelzebul or Beelzebub refers to a Philistine god, literally “Lord (Baal) of the Flies.” Jesus uses this name interchangeably with Satan, meaning “adversary, opponent” or “enemy.”

- Notice what it says about Jesus in v.17. Try to draw a lesson about Jesus out of that statement.
- Simply believing that there is such a being as Satan, and such lesser beings as demons or unclean spirits, can be controversial in our world. In what ways do these cultural realities impact you at the present time?
- On one level, the story in vv.24-26 can be discouraging. Let’s try to dig a lesson out of this story that would be consistent with Jesus’ purpose in telling it to us.

Something to Take Home

- Based on today’s passage, try to state one clear lesson about the demonic world that we can take to heart.
- Is there anything else from this look at Luke 11:14-26 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?