

ULC Sermon Study Resource

The Gospel of Luke // Jesus Overcomes

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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: Do you prefer fiction or nonfiction books, and why?

Reading: Luke 11:14-26

Outline:

- I. Extraordinary Act (v. 14-19)
 - a. People throughout history have had three different responses to Jesus: they either consider Him a lunatic, think He is evil, or trust Him as Lord.
 - b. Jesus insists that there is no neutral stance toward Him and that indifference is enmity.
Q: How does Jesus respond to the claim that He used evil to drive out demons?
- II. Extraordinary Claim (v. 20-23)
 - a. Jesus warns the religious leaders that the liberating kingdom of God is upon them.
 - b. Jesus claims that He is here to wage war against Satan, the adversary.
Q: Who do the two men represent in v. 21-22?
- III. Extraordinary Response
 - a. At the cross, Jesus triumphed over the forces of evil in our world.
 - b. When we do things like pray, resist temptation, respond with gentleness, and proclaim Jesus, we live into the victory Christ has won over the adversary.
Q: Who was defeated when Jesus was crucified?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) Have you seen the three responses to Jesus from various people in your life?
- 2) Do you have any thoughts about the fact that there is no neutral stance toward Jesus? Is this too narrow or exclusive?
- 3) Why do you think the religious leaders were unable to recognize that Jesus is Lord? Do you think this would happen if Jesus had come today?
- 4) How do you choose to live into the victory that Christ has won for us?
- 5) Have you ever thought about your guilt and shame being lies that come from the adversary?

Suggestions for further study:

- Exodus 8:19 **Q: What is the significance of the phrase 'finger of God'?**
- Colossians 2:13-15 **Q: How does St. Paul describe what happened on the cross?**
- Ephesians 6:10-20 **Q: How can we defend ourselves against attacks from Satan?**

Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, we give thanks to you that you won the victory for us. God, so often it feels like this world is filled with dark forces that are working against us. Yet we know that you came to bind the strong man, and to put those forces in their place through your victory on the cross. Jesus, we pray we would live into that reality. We pray that we would trust you and your strength, and that we would extend your victory in our lives. We pray this in your holy name, Amen.