

Luke 11:14-36

- I. Three reactions by the crowd:
  - A. Attribute his exorcisms to demonic power (“Beelzebul” - see 2 Kings 1:2-3,6,16)
  - B. Amazement/talismanic adoration
  - C. Demanding a sign
- II. The accusation that Jesus is in league with evil
- III. Jesus as talisman (verses 27-28)
  - A. This is treating Jesus as a holy or magical object, a talisman.
  - B. We see this tendency throughout history
  - C. Is Mary blessed?
  - D. Again, Jesus calls us to action
- IV. The demand for a sign
  - A. Verses 29-32
    - i. More “testing God” here (see 4:1-13; 10:25ff.) - demanding that Jesus meet the questioner’s expectations.
    - ii. The Queen of the South – the Queen of Sheba (either Yemen or Ethiopia, see 1 Kings 10:1-13)
    - iii. The sign of Jonah (see the book of Jonah)
  - B. Verses 33-34 (see Luke 8:18)
- V. How to respond to Jesus.
  - A. Do not call him evil.
  - B. Do not treat him as a talisman against evil.
  - C. Do not test him.
  - D. Hear him and follow him.