



Week 12

Series: Equipped

Sermon Title: Christ, Our Conquering King

Sermon Text: Luke 11:14-28

Group Week of: July 14, 2024

Sermon Date: July 21, 2024

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	The Whole Passage – Luke 11:14-28
Day 2	Jesus Knows Our Thoughts – Matt 9:1-8
Day 3	The Finger of God – Exodus 8:16-19
Day 4	Matthew’s Account – Matt 12:22-37
Day 5	Spiritual Warfare – Ephesians 6:10-20

The Text: Luke 11:17-23

¹⁷ Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: “Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. ¹⁸ If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

²¹ “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. ²² But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up his plunder.

²³ “Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) you see Jesus giving to His disciples (and us) through this text?
- 2) Why does Jesus raise the example of a divided kingdom? What does it prove?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) What is the difference between doubt and unbelief? Try to use some examples from your own life or in the responses to God's power that you've seen in other people's lives.

- 2) Read verses 14-16. When these crowds saw Jesus cast out a demon, their unbelief showed up in two main ways. What were the two ways that their unbelief was demonstrated? In other words, what was the fruit of unbelief in this account?

- 3) Jesus deals with their unbelief by soundly demonstrating how foolish their arguments are. Why is the human heart willing to believe foolish things rather than accept that Jesus is God?

- 4) How has God dealt with unbelief in your life?

- 5) Jesus explains that a divided kingdom isn't out waging war because it falls from its own infighting. What does this lesson teach us about demonic activity in Israel? What does it teach us about the Kingdom of Heaven?

- 6) Satan's army is unified in its fight against God and mankind. However, Jesus can simply cast out demons by the mere "finger of God." What does Jesus want us to understand about His power over the enemy from this statement? How does that relate to the statement "then the kingdom of God has come upon you?"

- 7) Jesus provides the example of a strong man who thinks he is guarding his house safely but is overpowered by someone stronger. How often do you think about and meditate on the overwhelming power of God? If you think about this a lot, how does it impact your life? If you do not think about it a lot, what do you think the cost has been in your daily struggles?

- 8) Jesus reminds us that whoever does not stand with Him will scatter. Are there places in your life where you are not standing closely with Christ? Has that left you vulnerable to the world or the attacks of the enemy? How can you commit to standing more closely with Christ today? Share your thoughts with your life group.