## Jesus and Beelzebub - Luke 11:14-28

Topics: Blessing, Demons, Evil, Family, Judging Others, Kingdom of God/Heaven, Satan, Testing

### **Open It**

- 1. In what groups or situations have you seen a great deal of chaos?
- \* 2. How do you feel when good works are attributed to bad motives?

### **Explore It**

- 3. What sort of demon did Jesus drive out? (11:14)
- \* 4. By whose power did some think Jesus could drive out demons? (11:15)
  - 5. What did some people say about Jesus' work? (11:16)
- \* 6. How did Jesus react to criticism? (11:17-20)
  - 7. How was the question of Jesus' authority turned back on those who questioned Him? (11:19-20)
  - 8. In Jesus' illustration, what does an attacker take in addition to a person's possessions? (11:21-22)
- \* 9. If a person is not with Jesus, what is his status? (11:23)
  - 10. Where does an evil spirit go when it is exorcised from a person? (11:24)
  - 11. What happens to a person if an evil spirit is cast out of him or her and replaced with nothing? (11:25-26)
  - 12. What is the final condition of the person who does not replace evil with good? (11:26)
  - 13. What did a woman from the crowd call out? (11:27)
  - 14. Who is blessed, according to one of the people in the crowd? (11:27)
  - 15. To whom was the woman in the crowd referring? (11:27)
  - 16. Who is blessed, according to Jesus? (11:28)

#### Get It

- 17. How do we see the various attitudes toward Jesus and His followers demonstrated today?
- \* 18. Why was it impossible for Jesus to be working under Satan's power?
  - 19. What might Jesus think of those who don't let their religion affect their lives beyond "religious activities"?
- \* 20. When evil leaves our lives, what must replace it?
  - 21. How surprising to you is Jesus' reply to the woman in the crowd?
  - 22. How might one have expected Jesus to answer the woman's blessing?
  - 23. What does it mean to be blessed?

# **Apply It**

- \* 24. What action can you take today to fill a void in your life with something good and holy?
  - 25. What can you do this week to improve your responsiveness to the Word of God?