

Luke 11:14–36

New International Version (NIV)

Jesus and Beelzebul

¹⁴ Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed. ¹⁵ But some of them said, “By Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons.” ¹⁶ Others tested him by asking for a sign from heaven.

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.

²⁴ “When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ ²⁵ When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. ²⁶ Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first.”

²⁷ As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, “Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.”

²⁸ He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”

The Sign of Jonah

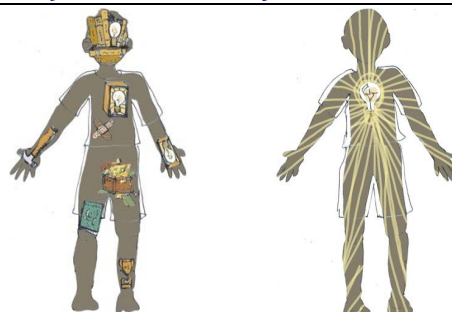
²⁹ As the crowds increased, Jesus said, “This is a wicked generation. It asks for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah. ³⁰ For as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so also will the Son of Man be to this generation. ³¹ The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the people of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon’s wisdom; and now something greater than Solomon is here. ³² The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and now something greater than Jonah is here.

The Lamp of the Body

³³ “No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light. ³⁴ Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are healthy, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are unhealthy, your body also is full of darkness. ³⁵ See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness. ³⁶ Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you.”

Big Idea

**The Kingdom of God has come upon us
and we are fully living in His Kingdom when...**
we are filled with the Holy Spirit
we are filled with the Word of God
we fully live according to the Word of God

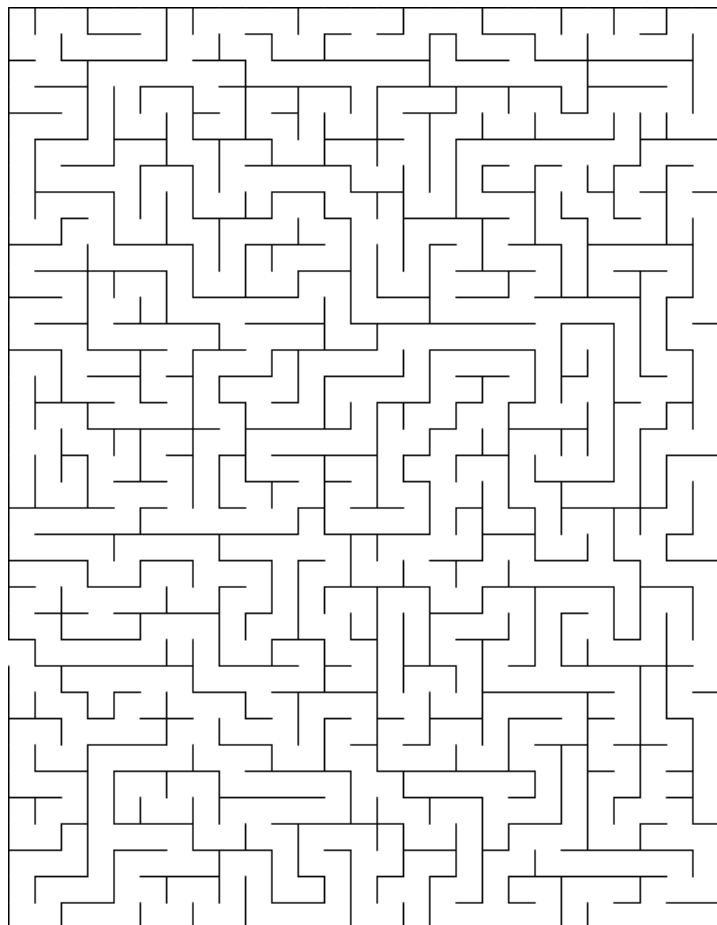


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w o m a n t o v r p d w o r c
x d w p i b j h j a p p u p c

Word List

demon crowd sign thoughts
kingdom house judges finger
possessions word armor plunder
person woman mother



Across

3. "Any kingdom divided against itself will be ____, and a house divided against itself will fall."
5. "When an ____ spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it."
7. "By Beelzebub, the ____ of demons, he is driving out demons."
8. Others ____ him by asking for a sign from heaven.
9. "Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your ____ drive them out?"
11. "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and ____ it."

Down

1. When the demon left, the man who had been ____ spoke, and the crowd was amazed.
2. "Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more ____ than itself, and they go in and live there."
4. "But if I drive out demons by the ____ of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."
6. "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me ____."
10. "When a ____ man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe."

