

We have reached a heart-breaking moment in the progression of Luke's gospel.

1. How did it come to this in the people's thinking?

- ✓ If this were at the beginning of His ministry, we'd understand more of them saying "we're not sure what this guy is about..." But this is a few months before the end of His ministry. He has healed and delivered thousands by this time: Matthew 8:16; 9:35; 12:15; 14:14; Matthew 14:36; 15:30. He's healed them, delivered them, fed them, restored families and society in general, offered them a kingdom and forgiveness, if anything we would expect that He would be loved and popular.

2. "People just need more proof" No!

- ✓ Wouldn't you have loved to see even one of these miracles? They got to see hundreds. "Show us a sign"? There is never enough evidence for those who refuse to believe. This is convincing evidence of human depravity, so depraved that you'd call a person like Jesus a missionary of Satan. What more could He do or say? The evidence of a three-year ministry is in their conclusion was the exact opposite of the truth. Their conclusion is absolutely amazing especially when you consider how long they had waited for their Messiah. Jesus has manifested Himself fully, fulfilling every scripture about Himself, John 7:31. "This must have been a special kind of unbelief," the shocking answer is, no, they weren't special or unusual. This is what all unbelief is at its core.

3. They weren't just off in their evaluation of Jesus, they vilified Him.

- ✓ They didn't even use the word "Satan;" they said He was backed by Beelzebul. Beelzebul is a derogatory term for Satan, it means "lord of the flies" referring to flies that gather around fresh dung. That isn't just an uncertainty about Jesus, is it? Would you say that about Jesus? Probably not, but if you are unwilling to say He's King, Lord and Savior of your life, you might as well be calling Him king of the dung hill.

4. Jesus leaves us with only two options.

- ✓ Luke 11: 23 whatever you may think about how you fall on the Jesus question, Jesus, Himself, tells us that there are only two options, two camps. Everyone in the world is living in these two categories, there is not a third one. In this sense, there are only two world religions, with Christ or against Him. This is clear, precise, definitive, determinative, and it leaves absolutely no one out. There is no middle ground, no third option, no neutrality.

5. It is not necessary to oppose Jesus Christ to be against Him.

- ✓ All you have to do is nothing about Jesus Christ, and you are in the same category as Satan himself. You're either a child of God or you are a child of Satan, there isn't a third parent. He is either God or He is the greatest blasphemer who ever lived. He either speaks for God or He speaks for Satan. They had it right, if Jesus wasn't God, He was a demon-possessed deceiver.

6. Jesus is so kind.

- ✓ He still pleads with them, "Can't you see that your argument is absurd?" It takes someone stronger than Satan to cast out Satan! Luke 11:23 it's a warning and an invitation to turn off the same road the haters of Jesus were on, you're traveling that road, but thinking you're not like them. Those are heart awakening words! Let your heart be awakened to the truth. Let it be awakened through fear, those people who rejected Jesus back then, they've been in Hell for almost 2,000 years, think about that!

It's not that life is so short, it's just that you're dead for so long. Fear of eternal judgement is necessary to awaken your heart, Jesus is the Savior, what do you need a Savior for if there is no Hell? Let your heart be awakened to repentance, you will have to repent of having Jesus as just a good man, teacher, guru, example. He is either the Son of God or He is the missionary of Satan, you will have to repent of one of those to follow the other.