



1. _____ the Cynic (vv.14-15)

A) May Have _____

B) May Be _____

C) May Need _____

2. _____ the Cynic (vv.17-23)

A) _____ (v.17a)

B) _____ (vv.17b-19)

C) _____ (vv.20-23)

Luke 11:14 Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. **15** But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," **16** while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. **17** But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. **18** And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. **19** And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. **20** But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. **21** When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; **22** but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. **23** Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **John 3:19-20**. Why is this statement from Jesus so important as we interact with those who are cynical about biblical Christianity? Why is prayer such an important response to this insight?
2. Read **Acts 26:22-29**. When you read of this encounter with Herod Agrippa, in what ways are you challenged to be a better representative of Jesus Christ before those who are skeptical?
3. Read **Hebrews 12:25-29**. Why do you think it is so difficult for us in this generation to passionately and urgently appeal to others about the importance of rightly responding to the claims of Christ?
4. Read **1 Peter 3:15**. What have you learned about speaking to the "cynics" in your life with "gentleness and respect" without sacrificing urgency?
5. Read **Psalms 139:23**. In what situations in your walk with Christ do you sometimes still exhibit stubborn cynicism and unreasonable doubt? What should and will you do about it?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

August 30th
Ps. 142-144 & 1Cor. 10:14-33

August 31st
Ps. 145-147 & 1Cor. 11:1-15

September 1st
Ps. 148-150 & 1Cor. 11:16-34

September 2nd
Prov. 1-2 & 1Cor. 12

September 3rd
Prov. 3-4 & 1Cor. 13

September 4th
Prov. 5-6 & 1Cor. 14:1-20

September 5th
Prov. 7-8 & 1Cor. 14:21-40

September 6th
Prov. 9-10 & 1Cor. 15:1-32

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

- Msg. 11-63 – **Angelology: The Reality and Nature of Demons**
- Msg. 11-64 – **Angelology: The Present Work of Demons**
- Msg. 11-65 – **Angelology: The Demonization of People**
- Msg. 13-18 – **Jesus as Judge**
- Msg. 14-28 – **Confident in Christ's Power to Protect**
- Msg. 12-42 – **Simeon on the Polarizing Effects of Jesus Christ**
- Msg. # 00-23 – 00-28 – **The Big Questions** (a six-part series on the logic of Christianity)

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

#DestroyingObstacles

For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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- Lightner, Robert P. **Angels, Satan & Demons: Invisible Beings That Inhabit the Spiritual World**. Word Publishing, 1998.
- McDowell, Josh and Don Stewart. **Handbook of Today's Religions**. Thomas Nelson, 1992.
- McGrath, Alistair. **Intellectuals Don't Need God & Other Modern Myths**. Zondervan, 1993.
- Metzger, Will. **Tell the Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People**. IVP, 1981.
- Nash, Ronald H. **Worldviews in Conflict: Choosing Christianity in a World of Ideas**. Zondervan, 1992.
- Pearcy, Nancy. **Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity**. Crossway, 2008.
- Peterson, Robert. **Hell on Trial: The Case for Eternal Punishment**. P & R Publishing, 1995.
- Rhodes, Ron. **Angels Among Us: Separating Truth from Fiction**. Harvest House, 2001.
- Schaeffer, Francis. **The God Who is There: Speaking Historic Christianity into the 20th Century**. InterVarsity, 1968.
- Spurgeon, Charles. **Prayer and Spiritual Warfare**. Whitaker House, 1998.
- Wilson, Bill, ed. **A Ready Defense: The Best of Josh McDowell**. Thomas Nelson, 1993.