

## Lesson 16

### Jesus Talks to the Hypocrites

Luke 11:14-54

Jesus cast a devil out of a man who was dumb. When the devil was gone out, the man began to speak. The people wondered about this. Some of them said, “Jesus casts out devils by the power of Beelzebub, the chief of the devils.” Others tempted Jesus by asking Him for a sign from heaven.

Jesus knew what these people were thinking. He wanted them to see how wrong it is to think that Satan would cast out himself. If he did that, he would be working against himself. Jesus said, “A kingdom divided against itself is brought to ruin.” It takes someone stronger than Satan to have power over him. Only the power of God can cast out devils.

But these people were not willing to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. They saw that He did have power over Satan. But they still would not believe in Him, because they did not want to believe Him.