

LUKE 11



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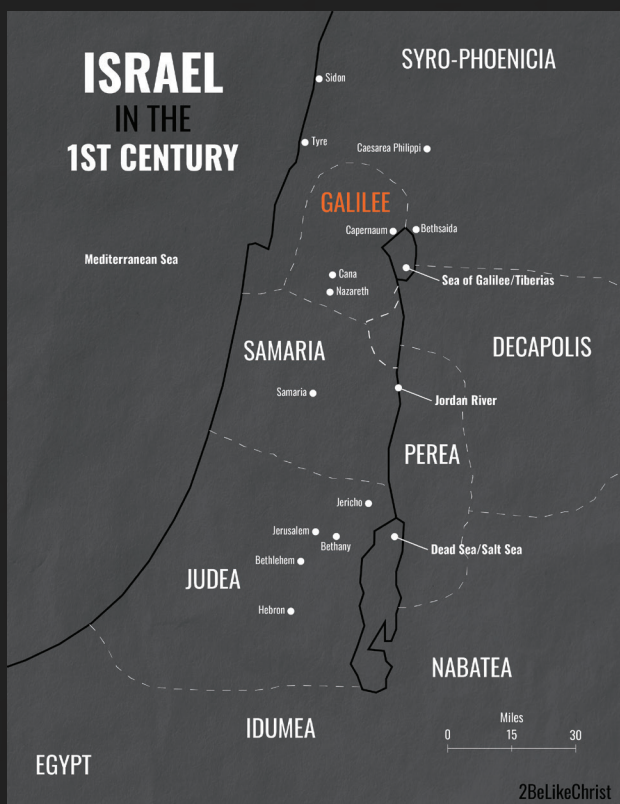
- The events of chapter 11 were part of Jesus' ministry on earth.
- These events took place approximately 30-33 A.D..

CHARACTERS:

- **Jesus** - The Son of God.
- **The Disciples** - Jesus' followers who asked Him to teach them how to pray.
- **The Pharisees and Lawyers** - Jewish religious leaders who were determined to undermine Jesus.
- **Beelzebul** - A name associated with Satan. It probably had its origins as the name of an idol in the city of Ekron.
- **Jonah** - A prophet from the Old Testament who was swallowed by a whale.

WHERE:

- Luke doesn't mention any specific locations in this chapter.
- Per Mark 3:20-22, it seems these events occurred in the region of Galilee, specifically the city of Capernaum.



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OVERVIEW:

- JESUS TEACHES THE DISCIPLES TO PRAY (11:1-11:13):
 - + Having observed Jesus praying, one of the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray.
 - + Jesus taught them a model prayer, "Father, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."
 - + After teaching them to pray Jesus assured them God would hear and answer their prayers.
- THE POWER OF BEELZEBUL (11:14-11:23):
 - + The Pharisees and other critics were seeking a sign from Jesus and trying to discredit Him.
 - + When He healed a mute man who had an evil spirit the Pharisees accused Him of using Beelzebul's power.
 - + Jesus rebuked their ignorant accusation. Suggesting Satan was casting out his own demons was ignorant.
 - + Jesus had the ability to take what belonged to Satan because He had the power of God.
- JESUS SPEAKS ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS (11:24-11:36):
 - + A woman in the crowd blessed Jesus' mother but Jesus spoke of the blessedness of those who keep His words.
 - + Jesus would not give His critics any more miraculous signs except the "sign of Jonah."
 - + Jesus said the Gentile people of Ninevah and the Queen of the South were wiser than the Jews of His day.
 - + The Pharisees and lawyers rejected the light of God and were trapped in the darkness of sin.
- WOE TO THE PHARISEES AND LAWYERS (11:37-11:54):
 - + A Pharisee invited Jesus to his home for a meal.
 - + While in the Pharisee's house, Jesus began rebuking the Pharisees for their corruption.
 - + Following the Pharisees, He turned to the lawyers who were present and started rebuking them for hypocrisy.
 - + The Pharisees and lawyers were angry and continued their attempts to catch Jesus doing something wrong.

BIG PICTURE:

- In this chapter, Jesus talked about His power over Satan. He had the power to take away Satan's power.
- This was shown in the casting out of the mute spirit, but in the big picture, Jesus' entire life was illustrating this point.
- Satan's greatest powers were sin and death.
- Jesus defeated both of those powers at His death and resurrection and took what belonged to Satan (made sinners into sons of God (see 11:21-22)).

TAKEAWAYS:

- I encourage you to take some time and meditate on the failings of the Pharisees and lawyers.
- I think the reason Jesus spent so much time talking to the Pharisees and lawyers in the gospels is because many of the motivations that led them into their sins are also present in our hearts and need to be killed before they turn us into men like them.