

The Proof that Jesus is the Messiah

Luke 11:14–26

(Mt. 12:22-30; Mk. 3:22-30)

1 *Jesus proved*

He was the Messiah —

He cast a demon out of a man

a. The people were amazed:
Who was Jesus?

b. Some accused Him:
He was a deceiver,
of Beelzebub

c. Some tested Him:
Sought a sign

2 *Illustration 1:*

A kingdom and a house —

*He claimed to be of another
kingdom and house*

3 *Illustration 2:*

Religious exorcist —

*He claimed the right to be
respected like other ministers*

4 *Illustration 3:*

The finger of God —

*He claimed to possess the power
to usher in the Kingdom of God*

5 *Illustration 4:*

A stronger man —

*He claimed to be stronger
than Satan*

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 Beelzebub, 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 Beelzebub.

19 Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebub,
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 to you.

21 “When a strong man, fully armed,
guards his own house,
his possessions are safe.

22 But when someone stronger attacks
and over-powers him, he takes away the armour
in which the man trusted
and divides up the spoils.

6 Illustration 5:

*A shepherd and a flock —
He claimed to be
the pivotal figure of history*

7 Illustration 6:

*An empty house —
He claimed that a man must turn
from self-reformation to Him
and be infilled with His very
presence*

23 “He who is not with me is against me,
and he who does not gather with me,
scatters.

24 “When an evil spirit comes out of a man,
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 man
is worse than the first.”