

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 11:27-32

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## **THE DANGERS OF UNBELIEF**

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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Jesus Has Been in the Presence of a Difficult Audience.

He has been challenged over the issue of His miracles.

He had healed a mute man that was possessed by a demon.

All the while, Preaching the Kingdom of God.

(and therein was the problem with some – **the Kingdom of God**)

## **THE DEFINITION OF UNBELIEF**

according to Noah Webster is (1, the withholding of belief, (2, to neglect or to avoid belief. (3, to disbelieve the truth of the gospel by the rejection of Christ as Saviour and His teachings. (4, to not trust God.

### **Mark 6:5-6**

Jesus could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed *them*. :6 And He marveled because of their unbelief.

### **Luke 11:27-32**

Now it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed *is* the womb that bore You, and *the* breasts which nursed You!" :28 But He said, "More than that, blessed *are* those who hear the word of God and keep it!" :29 And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, "This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. :30 For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites,

so also the Son of Man will be to this generation. :31 The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon *is* here. :32 The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah *is* here.

## Here, Jesus Puts Forward The “Extreme” Value of the Word of God

### Luke 11:27-28

Now it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed *is* the womb that bore You, and *the* breasts which nursed You!” :28 But He said, “***More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!***”

### Psalm 138:2

...For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

### Isaiah 55:11

... So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

### John 1:1, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.... :14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

### Revelation 19:13

...And His name is called The Word of God.

## THE DANGERS OF UNBELIEF

**1.) Unbelief rejects faith**

**v.29-30**

**1a.) Faith in what is reasonable**

**v.29a**

And while the crowds were **thickly** gathered together,  
He began to say, “***This is an evil generation.***”

This is a direct response by Jesus  
to their mean demand in **verse 16**

**Luke 11:16**

Others, **testing Him**, sought from Him a sign from heaven.

**evil**

ponhro/ß poneros, *pon-ay-ros*

possessing a hurtful, mischievous, diseased influence in your generation.

They Had **Heard** His Teachings, They Had **Seen** His Miracles

It's Reasonable to Trust the Lord and to Put Your Faith in Jesus Christ

## UNBELIEF REJECTS FAITH

### 1b.) Faith in what is miraculous

**v.29b**

...and **no sign will be given** to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.

Can God Do Whatever He Wants?

can God make a fish big enough to swallow a man?  
can God keep Jonah alive in the stomach of that fish?

signs and wonders and miracles are indicators.

*like a signpost that points to the way*

### 1c.) Faith in what is practical

**v.30**

For as Jonah **became** a sign to the Ninevites,  
so also the Son of Man will be to this generation.

The guy spit up on the shore and he walked into the city.

**Note That;**

“The Sign” is not the message preached, “The Sign” is not the Fix  
it's the **death, burial, and resurrection** of Jesus Christ,  
that **was** and **is** and **will be** “The Sign”

# “The Resurrection of Jesus from the Dead”

## What Sign Do You Wanna See?

You Will Only Have This One - This One Alone Has Been Given You

### **1 Corinthians 15:1-4**

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, :2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. :3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, :4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

what is the obvious? that Jesus rose from the grave!

Jesus is Announcing to Them,  
“What Jonah was to the Ninevites, I will be to you”

how could Jonah be a sign to a generation  
1,000 years removed? just like he is us, 3,000 years removed.

Jesus was telling them that the  
account of Jonah, was an actual event.

Jonah  
was a walking, living, breathing miracle.  
his very existence was an awesome message of God’s power

## **Paul the Apostle Wrote**

### **Romans 1:3-4**

concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, :4 *and declared to be* the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

## **The Apostle Peter Preached**

### **Acts 2:22-24**

“Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know — :23 this Man Jesus, was delivered up by the

predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, Him, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless people and put Him to death. :24 “And God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in death’s power.

## Unbelief is Different than Doubt.

unbelief is the acknowledgement that something has happened, but I choose to not believe in it. it is a willful decision against what is obvious.

## THE DANGERS OF UNBELIEF

### 2.) Unbelief refuses evidence

v.31

:31 The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon *is* here.

### why? what happened

in the life of the “Queen of the South” that made such an impression on her, that Jesus would use it as an example of both faith and judgement.

### 2a.) The evidence of others

v.31a

The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them,

#### 1 Kings 10:1-8

Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions. :2 She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels that bore spices, very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart. :3 So Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing so difficult for the king that he could not explain *it* to her. :4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, :5 the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his cupbearers, and his entryway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her :6 Then she said to the king: “It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. :7 However I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard. :8 Happy *are* your men and happy *are* these your servants, who stand continually before you *and* hear your wisdom!

# What Did She Do?

she, the queen of the South or (Sheba), the region of northern Saudi Arabia and Yemen, stepped off her throne, traveled over 1,000 miles just to hear what Solomon had to say...

The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment

# What Will She Say?

"If I, the Queen, did all that to hear Solomon,  
then what's your excuse to not listen to Jesus Christ

## UNBELIEF REFUSES EVIDENCE

**2b.) The evidence of one**

**v.32**

for **she came** from the ends of the earth  
**to hear** the wisdom of Solomon;

**to hear**

she determined that she would leave her throne

her testimony lives on and Jesus is very aware of it...

Maybe You've Become a Believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.  
and now all you want to do is hear His word, read His word

There Will Come a Day When Someone Will Listen to You.

what made Christopher Columbus risk everything  
*to sail his ship off the edge of the world?*

Christopher Columbus "believing that God had called him to sail the Atlantic Ocean in order to spread Christianity. He prayed often and kept a journal called *The Book of Prophecies*, which was a compilation of passages Columbus depended upon from the Bible which he believed were pertinent to his mission of discovery.

**- The Mission and Faith of Christopher Columbus**

# UNBELIEF REFUSES EVIDENCE

## 2c.) The evidence of Jesus Christ

v.31

...and indeed a **greater than** Solomon is here.

**They Were Refusing the Evidence That God  
Himself in the flesh was giving them.**

the evidence of Jesus' coming – angels on high  
the evidence of Jesus' claims – what He said  
the evidence of Jesus' works – what He did  
the evidence of Biblical prophecies – what was written about Him

## THE DANGERS OF UNBELIEF

### 3.) Unbelief renders judgment

v.32

#### 3a.) It's an inescapable judgment

v.32

The men of Nineveh **will rise up** in the judgment  
with this generation **and condemn it**,

#### Hebrews 2:2-3

For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense, :3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,

Friend, Listen - We Need to Be Careful  
that we don't "**modernize**" what's happening here and make it "**easy**".

These People Were Listening to The Son of God  
Issue Them an Indictment - - Against Them

**John 5:22**

For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,

## What Will They Say?

we were a barbaric, ruthless nation. warlords and warriors and we killed anyone who was not of us. we were wicked beyond wicked, but God sent to us the Fish Man.

“He said...

**Jonah 3:4**

“Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

What Happened?

**Jonah 3:5**

So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them.

## They Repented of Their Sins and believed God

### Is There a Way to Escape the Judgment of Hell?

Answer:

To **Depend** Upon The Gospel

Jonah’s “Sign” to Us is This

that the messiah would die for us – His atoning work  
that the messiah would be buried for us – His complete death  
that the messiah would rise for us – His resurrection power

**Romans 5:8, Acts 2:24, Acts 13:30**

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ **died** for us... **Acts 2:24** it was impossible for Him to be held by death’s power... **Acts 13:30** But God **raised** Him from the dead.

we’re here in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

we have even more evidence, more archaeological proof, the prophetic fulfillment, history itself, biblical accounts, and eyewitness testimony...



we have no excuse / we have nowhere to hide  
not one argument will be heard.

**Psalm 14:1**

The fool has said in his heart, “*There is no God.*”

**Romans 1:18-22**

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, :19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. :20 For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, :21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. :22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

## UNBELIEF RENDERS JUDGMENT

### 3b.) It's an avoidable judgment

v.32

...for **they repented** at the preaching of Jonah;

metanoëw metanoëo, met-an-o-eh'-o;  
to think differently, to reconsider, to change direction.

### 3c.) It's an unbiased judgment

and indeed a greater than Jonah *is* here.

if Jonah's ministry was great and his message led thousands to being saved in Nineveh – then what about Jesus Christ?  
how much greater is Jesus Christ because, He is the Salvation Message. “Jesus is the Gospel”

**Colossians 2:13-15**

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, :14 having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us

and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. :15  
And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public  
spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Jesus Said, The Bible Says...  
“a greater than Jonah is here.”

### **Philippians 2:9-11**

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, :10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, :11 and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Acts 4:12**

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

### **Romans 10:8-1**

But what does it say? “*The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): :9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. :10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. :11 For the Scripture says, “*Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.*”

### **2 Corinthians 6:1-2**

We then, as workers together *with Him* also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. :2 For He says: “*In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.*” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.

\_\_\_\_\_ *End of Study* \_\_\_\_\_