**Luke 11.14-28**

**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. **24**“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ **25**And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. **26**Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.” **27**As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” **28**But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

**LUKE 11:14-28** Jesus welcomed and rejected: (3) When evidence is rejected

**A) The fact of the miracle, vv.14-16**

**B) The significance of the miracle, vv.17-22**

Exodus 8:19

**C) Responding to the miracle, vv.23-28**

*For further reflection and prayer;*

* *If you’re a Christian take time out to list the blessings you have in Jesus and turn those things into a prayer of thanksgiving.*
* *How does this passage address those who are unpersuaded by Jesus’ claims?*
* *How does this passage address those who regard themselves as spiritual or have some kind of faith, but haven’t yet put their trust in Jesus?*