

Following Jesus - The Life of a Disciple - Part 29

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Lesson 29 - Jesus' Friends; Prayer, Healing a Mute Man, Pharisaic Rituals

Background:

This chapter focuses mostly on Luke 11. We are entering a section where the focus is on Jesus providing instructions to His disciples. However, the first part of this lessons

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gives us an insight into Jesus' friendships, particularly with a family that lived in Bethany, near Jerusalem. We will meet this family again later in the gospels.

Scripture Passage:

Read: [Luke 10:38-11:36](#)

Read the Following Quote:

"If there is a Creator at all, and that Creator is prepared to visit us and speak to us as in this incarnation he visited and spoke to Martha and Mary, then obviously it is our first duty as his creatures, as it ought to be our highest pleasure, to sit at his feet and listen to what he says."

[David Gooding \(According to Luke\)](#)

Question:

Do you agree with this quote? How can we sit at his feet and listen to Him?

Scripture Passage:

Now answer the questions based on [Luke 10:38-42](#)

Jesus At The Home of Martha & Mary

1. How were Martha and Mary related and where did they live? Why do you think Jesus stopped at their house on the way to Jerusalem?

2. Who was sitting at Jesus' feet and who was doing all the work? Did Jesus say which sister made the best choice?

Teaching About Prayer [Luke 11:1-13](#)

3. Who initiated the teaching about prayer? Who can we ask for help in learning how to pray? Did anyone teach you how to pray? Who can you teach about prayer?

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4. Describe Jesus' teaching about prayer from verses 2-4 in your own words. Are you familiar with this prayer and have you used it in the past?

5. What lesson is Jesus teaching the disciples through a story in verses 5-8? What does Jesus suggest is the main point of this story in verses 9-12?

[Read Luke 11:14-28](#)

Jesus and Beelzebul

6. Who did Jesus drive a demon out of and what did the crowd think? (verses 14-16)

7. How did Jesus use the examples of a kingdom to explain what He had done? Is everyone for Jesus? What is the difference between those for and those against Jesus?

8. How can a person's condition be made worse? (verses 24-26) What do you think this section means and how can this condition be improved?

9. Who is blessed? Do you consider yourself blessed? How?

The Sign of Jonah, Read [Luke 11:29-32](#)

10. What do you know about Jonah? Share what you know in 2 or 3 sentences.

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11. How did Jesus describe the generation at that time? What did they keep asking for and what did Jesus give them? (compare [Matthew 12:38](#) and [Mark 8:11](#))

12. What do you think Jesus meant when He talked about the "sign of Jonah"? Are people looking for "signs" today? Will the people of Nineveh be judged? What does repentance have to do with judgement?

The Sign of Jonah, Read [Luke 11:33-36](#)

13. Answer the following statements True or False based on this final section

- a. People don't usually hide lamps.
- b. Lamps are usually built into the ceiling.
- c. Your ear is the light of your body.
- d. It is good if your body is full of light,

Discuss:

Do you believe God answers your prayers? Share some examples of how He has answered your prayers. Who do you know who has been truly blessed? What do you know about the final judgement?

Suggested Prayer: *Dear Lord, teach us to sit at your feet and learn quietly. Show us when to work and when to sit. Guide is the art of prayer. Help us to pray well and often. We confess that there are times when we need to repent of sins of unbelief. Give us humility to repent when your Spirit prompts our heart. May your will be done both in heaven and on earth. In Jesus name we pray.*

For Further Reading:

[What is the Sign of Jonah?](#)

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