

**eXplain it**  
**(Lent 3)**

Exodus 8:16-24 (Plague of Gnats and Flies)  
Jeremiah 26:1-15 (Jeremiah Threatened with Death)  
Psalm 136 (The Love of the Lord Endures Forever)  
Psalm 4 (Answer Me When I Call)  
Ephesians 5:1-9 (Walk in Love)  
Luke 11:14-28 (Jesus and Beelzebub)

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Luke 11:14-28 (Jesus and Beelzebub)  
the Strong Man and the Stronger One

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**The March of Jesus to Jerusalem**

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**John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (NIV)**

**1 John 3:8: "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work." (NIV)**

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**The Miraculous Christ  
Mark 4 and 5**

**he tames the storm and calms the sea  
he hogties and humiliates a legion of demons  
he reaches out to the walking dead  
he brings another back to life (Jairus' daughter)**

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**Quiet. Be Still! (waves)  
Come out! (demons)  
Little Girl ... Get up! (child who had died)**

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**power over the natural realm  
domination over the supernatural realm  
victory over sin, death, and the devil**

**strongman AND the STRONGER man  
bully and the BIG BROTHER**

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**#1 miracles demonstrate that God cares  
proves that He is in control  
promises that He is WITH us and FOR us**

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**#2 miracles show us the deeper work of Jesus**

**re-creation (devil corrupts)  
re-generation (into the family)  
redemption (bought)  
renewal (different is possible)**

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#3 miracles put the bully in his place  
remind us who the Greater One is

we are weak  
the devil is strong  
**BUT Jesus is STRONGER**

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Luke 11:14-15: 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. But some of them said, "By Beelzebub,  
the prince of demons, he is driving out  
demons." (NIV)

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Physically this world is ...

blind, deaf, mute,  
paralyzed, sick, dead

So also, spiritually ...

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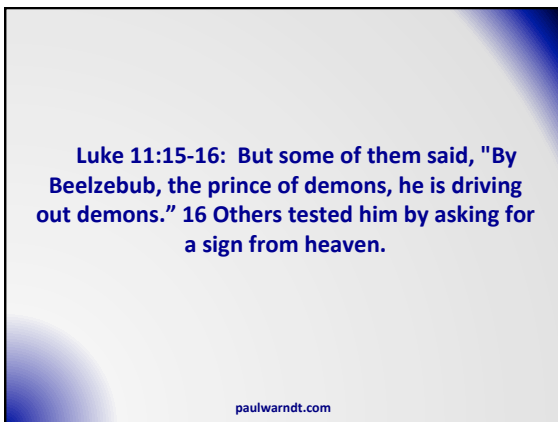
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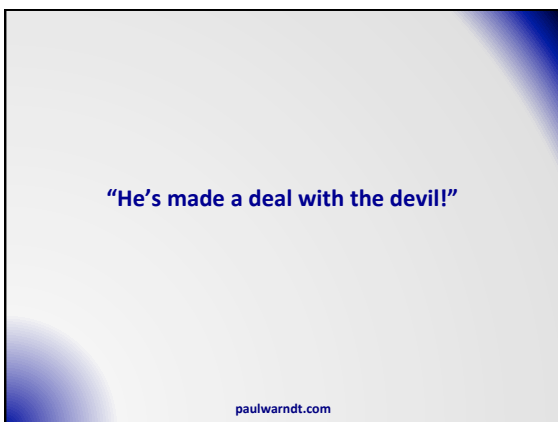
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**“Give Us a Sign”**

**Luke 11:29: "This is a wicked generation. It asks for a miraculous sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah. (NIV)**

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**Luke 11:17-18: Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: "Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand?" (NIV)**

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**a house has one ruler  
either ... or**

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**Luke 11:21-23: "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils."**

**"He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters. (NIV)**

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**Warning**

**When the devil has been exorcised from the house, don't leave ...**

**the front, side or back door open**

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**Luke 11:24-26: "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.'**

**When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. 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." (NIV)**

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**Ephesians 5:3-4: But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. (NIV)**

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**Ephesians 5:5-8: For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person--such a man is an idolater--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.**

**Therefore do not be partners with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light. (NIV)**

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