

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#43 – “How Many Signs Do We Really Need?” – Luke 11:27-36

I. Introduction.

A. Selecting a presidential candidate (political leader).

1. A lot goes into making a selection.

B. Similar concern in the first century for spiritual leaders.

1. Jesus distinguished Himself through signs.

a. John 10:32-38; 14:11

C. Today’s Text: Luke 11:27-36

II. Exposition

A. Luke 11:27-28

1. Jesus had just cast out a demon.

a. There was debate among the people – was this the power of God or power of Satan.

2. The mom’s mom comment.

3. Jesus uses the event to turn discussion in another direction.

a. Not a contradiction but a correction – Luke 8:21.

B. Luke 11:29-30

1. “Generation” – majority of people living in Judea and Galilee.

2. Story of Jonah – also used earlier – Matthew 12:39-48.

a. Emphasis is upon Jonah’s extraordinary arrival at Nineveh.

b. Jesus draws correlation to His own extraordinary future work.

C. Luke 11:31-32

1. A second illustration from the Old Testament.

a. The point of the queen and Solomon is that she went much further to listen to the wisdom of a far lesser king!

D. Luke 11:33:36

1. No greater sign needed.

2. The light and Christ

a. I John 1:5; I Tim. 6:12; Ps. 36:9; Ps. 119:105

3. Verse 34.

The heart of man’s problem is not a lack of L_____, but a lack of S_____.

a. Matt. 15:14; 23:16

b. Eye is “bad” – PONEROS.

1. II Corinthians 4:6

4. Verse 35

a. Strong warning

1. When light is actually darkness – Rom. 1:21-22, 25

5. Verse 36

a. The believer is enlightened – I John 1:5-7

III. Points for Reflection

A. The chief sign for all time is the resurrection of Christ.

B. A life of growing obedience to God is a chief evidence for a regenerated heart.

C. The normal response to the gospel is rejection.

D. Yet, our eye is clear which enables us to see.