



Today's Message

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Title: ***Blessing and Cursing***

Text: Luke 11:27–32 (ESV)

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!” ²⁹ When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, “This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. ³⁰ For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. ³¹ The queen of the South will rise up at 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 behold, something greater than Solomon is here. ³² The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

Introduction: The national rejection of Christ began to emerge with growing strength. In Luke 11:14-26, Jesus responded to those who accused Jesus of being league with Satan. Luke laid out the next two paragraphs side-by-side revealing the consequences that follow one's response to the message of Jesus.

Today's take-home truth: What you do with Christ brings blessing or curse.

I. What you do with Christ brings blessing . . . 27-28

- A. Mary was blessed to bear Christ. 27
- B. But greater blessing belongs to all who trust the message of Christ. 28

II. . . . or curse. 29-32

- A. Most who heard Christ rejected his message. 29-30
 - 1. They masked their rejection by demanding a sign. 29
 - 2. They finally rejected despite the greatest sign. 30
- B. All who reject Christ fall under God's judgment. 31-32
 - 1. They stand condemned for rejecting One greater than Solomon. 31
 - 2. They stand condemned for rejecting One greater than Jonah. 32