

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

THE JESUS DILEMMA, Part 4

A True Liar

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. For all Rock Church events, please visit <http://www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/>
2. Let your friends know that they can always live stream the Rock Church Sunday worship experience by visiting <http://www.therocksandiego.org/live/>
3. Small Group New Leader Orientation this Sunday the 29th. If you have somebody in your group that is ready to step up and lead their own group, have them contact Scotty James at scotty.james@therocksandiego.org for more info.

MEMORY VERSES

“When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, ‘What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!’” (Luke 8:28 NIV)

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Getting Started

1. Review the 4 points of “A True Liar” as listed in the lesson plan:
 1. The demons consider Jesus **worthy** of their **worship** and so should we. *Luke 8:28*
 2. The demons **acknowledge** Jesus as **God**. *Luke 8:28*
 3. Demons **fear** Jesus as Lord over the coming **judgment**. *Luke 8:28*
 4. Demons **submit** to His **word**. *Luke 8:32-33*
2. What point from the lesson plan stood out to you the most and why?

Digging Deeper

1. In Luke 8:28, the demons “fell down at his feet.” This term is the same as to *prostrate* or *worship*. In the midst of impending judgment the demons still worshipped Jesus as God.

In the midst of your trial or uncertainty are you “falling down” at his feet and worshipping Jesus as God? Respond honestly. What are some changes you should make in regard to your worship of Jesus?

“This is literally “what to me and to you.” In A Translator’s Handbook on the Gospel of Mark, Bratcher and Nida note that “In classical Greek the phrase would mean ‘what have we in common?’ Here, however, it corresponds to the Hebrew ‘Why do you meddle with me’ ” (p. 49). This idiom is illustrated in Judges 11:12; 2 Sam. 16:10; 19:22; 1 Kings 17:18; 2 Chr. 35:12.”¹

2. Consider the quote above. What room does the Lord have with those whose sin distracts them from true worship?

Also consider Eph. 2:1-3 and Eph. 2:19-22, how is our view of sin and the power of the gospel to be displayed in our worship?

3. Point #4 of the lesson plan states, “Demons submit to His word.” How much authority does the word of God have in your life? Is it the source of all wisdom and truth, or is it used as something different? Be as specific as possible.

¹ Utley, R. J. D. (2004). *Vol. Volume 3A: The Gospel According to Luke*. Study Guide Commentary Series (Lk 8:28). Marshall, Texas: Bible Lessons International.