

Matthew 12 - Study Notes
12/7/22

Matthew 12:1-8

Where are they now?

First Accusation: The Pharisees are upset about a Sabbath violation

v . 2 - Lev. 24:5-9 - Pharisees protested harvesting grain on Sabbath

v . 4-8 - 1 Sam 21:1-6 Jesus counters with a story about David

Hosea 6:6 - What does Jesus desire more than sacrifice?

Matthew 9:13 - Already shared this and he wants them to learn it!

Hebrews 4:1-11 - Sabbath is fulfilled in Christ

Mark 2:27 - What was the purpose of the Sabbath?

Matthew 12:9-14

Now where are they?

Second Accusation : The Pharisees are upset about a Sabbath healing

v . 10 - Once again Pharisees tried to catch him in breaking the Sabbath

v . 11-12 - Once again Jesus counters with a story

v . 14 - Why did they conspire to kill Jesus?

Matthew 12:15-21

Where did they go?

Why did Jesus once again encourage those who were healed not to make him known?

Isaiah 42:1-4

Servant = Israel

Servant = Jesus

Matthew 12:22-32

Third Accusation: The Pharisees think that Jesus is Satanic

Opposition becomes theological...

v . 23 - "Could it be that Jesus is the Son of David, the Messiah?"

v . 24-25 - Jesus knew the thoughts of the Pharisees

v . 26-30 - Jesus explains the opposing forces in the kingdom of God

Blasphemy, in a religious sense, refers to **great disrespect shown to God or to something holy, or to something said or done that shows this kind of disrespect;**

heresy refers a belief or opinion that does not agree with the official belief or opinion of a particular religion

v . 31-32 - Remember that Jesus is addressing the Pharisees who've just accused him of working for Satan. They are abjectly refuting his authority and the One who sent Him. This is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.

These verses must be read in context.

Matthew 12:33-37

Who is Jesus talking to here?

Where do our words originate from?

The Pharisees were attempting to label Jesus as a blasphemer v24.....
Here Jesus repudiates them by addressing their core flaw, which is?

A person's words will be outward evidence of their inward character.

Matthew 12: 38-42

What do they mean by a sign?

Compares the Son of Man with the story of Jonah: (book of Jonah)

-3 days 3 nights

-Jonah rescue and Jesus' death/resurrection

-Men of Ninevah

-Queen of Sheba (1 Kings 10:1-29)

Jesus is saying that He and the message of His Kingdom is greater than, and the fulfillment of, the greatest institutions of Israel:

Priest - greater than the temple, 12:6

Prophet - greater than Jonah, 12:41

King - greater than Solomon, 12: 42

Matthew 12:43-45

Why do you think demons were associated with waterless places?

Matthew 12:46-50

Mark 3:21

Jesus messianic mission takes priority even over familial loyalties.