

# Matthew 12

Jesus

**Matthew 11:28** Come to Me, all you who labor and are **heavy laden**, and **I will give you rest**. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

- **Come to Me and I will give you rest...**
  1. **Those who labor:** The load we take upon ourselves
  2. **Those heavy laden:** Burden/expectations others lay on our backs

**Jesus not only gives us rest...He is our rest**

**Galatians 5:1** [For freedom Christ has made us free] **Stand fast therefore in the liberty** by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

**Today:** We will Destroy the Heavy Burden of Religion/Religious Intimidation

## I. Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath

1 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat.

- **At that time:** After Jesus made clear only childlike faith required for Kingdom
  1. Jesus leaves multitude to **be with disciples**
  2. **Disciples relaxed:** Eating, walking, talking w/Jesus

**Good Times!**

2 And when the Pharisees saw *it* they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is **not lawful** to do on the Sabbath!"

**They are working on Sabbath:** Picking wheat/eating grain

- Religious **leaders:** Miserable/Jealous of what saw/heard
  1. **Saw their joy** as walked with Jesus
  2. **Heard their laughing** as they talked w/Jesus...and they were mad

**Luke 15:27** [Prodigal son comes home. Father has party] 28 "But [his brother...] was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. 29 So [the brother] answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. 30 But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'

Parable picture Jews [Self-righteous Religious] anger toward those offered/receive grace  
Religion had become their god...

- **Religion working definition:** Man's attempt to reach God by own efforts/goodness

**Religion is the enemy of Christ...Enemy of Grace  
If we are saved by works God owes us...God is a debtor to no one!**

- **To Jesus:** Stop! in the name of the Law...They're working on the Sabbath.

3 But [Jesus] said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: 4 how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? 5 Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?"

**Jesus gives two examples of people working on the Sabbath and are innocent...**

- **Example 1:** David gives his men bread from Temple which is unlawful but is innocent because Law of the Spirit trumps Letter of the Law. He loved his men be feeding them
- **Example 2:** As you are keeping the Sabbath are you unaware that the priests in the temple are working as they serve God...

The Temple ritual always involved work – the kindling of fires, the slaughter and the preparation of animals, the lifting of them on to the altar, and a host of other things. This work was actually doubled on the Sabbath, for on the Sabbath the offerings were doubled

**BGG's: Are you keeping the Sabbath... Sabbath Keepers?**

- **Going to a building on Saturday does not mean you are keeping the Sabbath**
  1. Why are you making your "pastor" in the SDA religion work on the Sabbath?
  2. Why are you making the gas station attendance work?
  3. Why are you going to Espresso stand making them work? While we're at it...
- **List of some requirements for the Sabbath**
  1. No writing, erasing, and tearing
  2. No business transactions
  3. No driving or riding in cars or other vehicles
  4. No shopping
  5. No using the telephone
  6. No turning on or off anything which uses electricity, including lights, radios, television, computer, air-conditioners and alarm clocks;
  7. No cooking, baking or kindling a fire
  8. No gardening and grass-mowing;
  9. No doing laundry

**James 2:10** For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet **stumble in one point**, he is **guilty of all...** 12 So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the **law of liberty**. 13 For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

So, are you still keeping the Sabbath...not really?  
**Then why are you laying that heavy trip everyone else?**

### **Are NT Born-Again believers required to keep the Jewish Sabbath?**

**Exodus 31:16** Therefore the **children of Israel** shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout **their generations** as a perpetual covenant. 17 It is a sign between Me and the **children of Israel forever**

- **NT Book of Acts:** Gentiles were not required to/no did they keep the Sabbath
- **Gentiles believers are confused.** Do we need to become Jewish? How Jewish?

Peter addresses Legalistic Jews telling them they must be circumcised...become Jews

**Acts 15:10** ... why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither **our fathers nor we were able to bear?** 11 But we believe that through the **grace of the Lord Jesus Christ** we shall be saved in the same manner as they."

- **What do we tell the Gentiles?** Letter from Council in Jerusalem to Gentiles...

**Acts 15:24 [Continued]** Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, "**You must be circumcised and keep the law**"—to whom we gave no such commandment...28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: 29 that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. [Moral Law and things about blood that would turn off Jews from coming to Christ...nothing about Sabbath/Circumcision]

**Colossians 2:16** So **let no one judge you** in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or **sabbaths**, 17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the **substance is of Christ**. 18 Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind...

- All 10 Commandments repeated numerous x's in NT except one. **4<sup>th</sup>; i.e. Sabbath**
- Three types of Laws in OT
  1. **Moral Law: Eternal; e.g.** Murder, Adultery, Stealing, Lying etc. Hurts people
  2. **Civil Law:** Govern nation of Israel coming out of Egypt
  3. **Ceremonial Laws:** Feasts/Holy Days/Sabbaths picture fulfilled in Jesus.

### **Jesus is our rest...Religious Intimidation wants to steal that rest Ceremonial Laws melt in the Light of Jesus Face**

- **Try harder/Do better:** Never perfects/never satisfies God. Only Jesus can...

**Hebrews 10:1** For the law, having a **shadow of the good things to come**, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect... **12** But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God

- **Law:** Shadow of good things to come
  1. Jesus dying on the cross for our sins
  2. Our ability to rest in that/ in Him...for our Salvation. [And I will give you rest]

**Jesus now sobers them up from their Religious intoxication...**

**6 Yet I say to you that in this place there is One greater than the temple.**

- One greater than the Temple is **standing in front of you**
  1. **I AM** the One who gave the Sabbath Law to your forefathers
  2. **I AM** the One who decides if/when my disciples keep it/break it/disregard it because I fulfilled it!

Jesus literally did away with the Sabbath [John McArthur]

**Hebrews 4:9** There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

**7 But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. 8 For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."**

**Mark 2:27** And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. 28 Therefore the Son of Man is also **Lord of the Sabbath.**"

- You think you know Me but you don't: I am the Lord of the Sabbath. I call the shots
- You think you know/have God's heart but you don't. Harsh/Judgmental/Unsaved
- **Your received God's mercy but give it to others, but...**

**James 2:13 ... judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.**

- Spirit of the Law triumphs over the Letter of the Law
 

Don't you know the priests work in the temple on the Sabbath and are blameless  
What are you doing out here in the field anyway?
- **Legalists turn Sabbath into an Idol...**thus breaking first commandment of no idols
- Trusting the Law of God to save is **contrary to Salvation by Grace alone**

Legalists become Insane/Priorities skewed/Intimidation demonic/Rhetoric perverted [NJC]

- **SDA:** Actually, believe Sunday worship is the Mark of Beast. Somebodies deceived.

**Q. Isn't Christianity about keeping rules/regulations? A. No**

**Mathew 22:36** "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" 37 Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and

the Prophets.”

- **Q.** Is it good to take a day of rest in thankfulness/gratitude toward God? **Yes**
- **Q.** Can we stand before the Living God who sent his Son to die for us after using the telephone/cutting the grass on a Saturday? ...**Yes. Real Question...**
- **Q.** Did we love others as ourselves. Did we share the Gospel of freedom from sin

Jesus is our rest. He said come to Me and I will give you rest. So, we did.  
Those seeking Living God should see God’s people finding rest in Jesus

Jesus gave us rest from burden/expectations religious deceivers STILL try to put on us

**The Sabbath is completely satisfied in Jesus finished work**

- As God rested from His finished work on 7<sup>th</sup> day/was satisfied w/His work of Creation
- So, we **rest in the finished work of Jesus on** the cross. God is **satisfied**.

We are not in bondage...We are free in Christ to Walk, Live, Love by His Spirit

**Galatians 4:9** But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, (M)how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly [needy] elements, to which you desire again to **be in bondage?**

**The Sabbath is completely satisfied/fulfilled in Jesus finished work  
We are free to Rest in Jesus work alone for our Salvation**

**SUMMARY Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath.** He calls the shots

## **II. Healing on the Sabbath**

9 Now when [Jesus] had departed from there, He went into their synagogue.

- **NOTE:** Their [the religious Jews] Synagogue.
  1. Never commanded by God [see intro]
  2. Place where Law of Moses was taught

**The Law Jesus gave to Moses from Burning Bush**

- **Jesus is now in the house...**

10 And behold, there was a man [in the synagogue] who had a withered hand. And they asked [Jesus], saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—that they might accuse Him.

**Deuteronomy 6:16** Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘**You shall not tempt the Lord your God.**’”

- **The Set-Up:** Jesus enters Synagogue
  1. Happens to be man with withered hand

2. Happen to ask if it is lawful to heal on Sabbath

### ...that they might accuse Him

**Revelation 12:10** ...the power of His Christ have come, for the **accuser of our brethren**, who **accused** them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

- **Satan is the accuser:** Words matter
  1. **Religious Jews** Willing pawns of enemy accusing the Son of God
  2. **Matthew 12** Change the course of Jewish History for 2000 years

By the end of this Chapter they claim Jesus is of the Devil  
...Jesus will be done with Israel for 2000 years and counting

- **Jesus heart?**

**Isaiah 1:18** "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool."

11 Then [Jesus] said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? 12 Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore **it is lawful** to do good on the Sabbath."

- **Pleads with Jews for understanding**
  1. Wouldn't you save your animal if fell into a hole on a Saturday?
  2. Isn't your fellow human being worth more than an animal?
  3. Can't you see **it is lawful** to do good on the Sabbath even if it's work?

13 Then [Jesus] said to the man, "**Stretch out your hand.**" And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other. 14 Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, **how they might destroy Him.** 15 But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew from there.

- **The father of religion is the devil...religion is the enemy of Christ**

**John 8:39** [Jews] answered and said to [Jesus], "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. 41 You do the deeds of your father." ... **44** You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning...

- It will be in **His time** not theirs that He would willingly die
- **Jesus went on with His business...**

**SUMMARY Healing on the Sabbath**

## III. Turning to the Gentiles

**15b...** And great multitudes followed Him, and **He healed them all.** 16 Yet He warned them not to make Him known, 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: 18 "Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He will declare **justice to the Gentiles.** 19 He will not quarrel nor cry out, Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets. 20 A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench, Till He sends forth justice to victory; 21 And **in His name Gentiles will trust."**

- **God's Focus moving from Jews to Gentiles; non-Jews. Us.**

**...in Jesus name Gentiles will trust...Church/Bride of Christ**

**Romans 11:7** What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded. 8 Just as it is written: "God has given them [Israel] a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see And ears that they should not hear, To this very day." 9 And David says: "Let their table become a snare and a trap, A stumbling block and a recompense to them. 10 Let their **eyes be darkened**, so that they do not see, And bow down their back always." 11 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to **provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles.** 12 Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much **more their fullness!**

**Bride of Christ:** Provoke Israel to jealousy that they might turn to the Lord

- **How?** Rapture/catching away of the Church
- **Where?** To be with the Lord...

**John 14:2** ... I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

- **When is the Rapture?** When the last gentile turns their life over to Jesus...

**Romans 11:25** For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the **fullness of the Gentiles has come in.**

**1 Thessalonians 4:16** ... the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to **meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.**

**18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.**

22 Then one was brought to Him who was **demon-possessed, blind and mute;** and [Jesus] healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. 23 And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the **Son of David?"**

- **Sabbath Day continues...**

1. Jesus leaves Religious Leaders/Standing in midst of Multitude
2. Delivers man unable see/speak **from bondage of Satan**

**Matthew 16:13** [Jesus asked] "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" 14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**"

### **Most important question we can ask...who is Jesus**

Could this be the Messiah?

- Crowd begins to recognize Jesus as Messiah...

24 Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "**This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub**, the ruler of the demons." 25 But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. 26 If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?"

- **Beelzebub:** Philistine demon known as Lord of the Flies. Satan
- **Not a new accusation...**
  1. **Previously:** Jesus delivered another mute man from Demon
  2. Multitude marveled...

**Matthew 9:34** But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

- Dangerous ground. Very dangerous ground
- **Jesus answers their thoughts:** Why would Satan cast himself out?

27 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. 28 But if I cast out demons by the **Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God** has come upon you. 29 Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.

### **I don't see your guys casting out demons**

**BUT...**If I cast our demons by the Spirit of God then you're in trouble

**Jesus: You better get Me right.**

He is not just a man. He is not the archangel Michael. He is not the brother of Satan. He is not a created being. He is the Lord of the Universe. He is our Creator. He is the only Savior and our only hope. He is the Almighty Eternal God come in the flesh to save us from sin, death and hell.

**John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the **Word was God.** 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were **made through Him**, and without Him nothing was made that was made... 14 And the **Word became flesh and**



**dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.**

- **He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.** The God of Moses, David, Daniel
- **He alone is the Living God.** All others dead idols propagated by thieves/robbers

If I cast our demons by the Spirit of God the Kingdom of God is about to come upon you

- **He is the Rock of Ages.** He is the True Cornerstone
- He is the Stone the builders [Israel] is rejecting and will ultimately be **crushed by**

Rejecting Jesus as Savior to be is the **only Unforgivable Sin**

**30 He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.**

### **No neutral ground**

**All in for Jesus or not in at all...** Un-decided votes equal no vote to Jesus.

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|---|------------|---------------------|
| 1. I respect all religions                                | Cowardness | No to Jesus         |
| 2. All religions teach same things                        | Laziness   | No to Jesus         |
| 3. All paths lead to God                                  | Ignorance  | No to Jesus [NJC]   |
| 4. I am way/truth/life/no man comes Father but through Me |            | <b>Yes to Jesus</b> |

I place all my hope of Eternal Life in the finished work of Jesus alone...**YES.**

**Choose this day whom you will serve.**

**It is not a time for compromise. Not time for Laziness. Not time for ignorance**

- If you are not with Me [active not passive] you will be scattered; i.e. cursed
- Religious Leaders not neutral but openly rebellious/hateful to Son of God...

**Israel and its Religious Leaders are Running out of Time...**

**SUMMARY Turning to the Gentiles**

## **IV. The Unpardonable Sin Getting Jesus Wrong**

**31 "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.**

- **Therefore...**
  1. Since you are not standing with Me ... know this
  2. You are about to seal your Eternal Destiny ...

**There is a sin that will not be forgiven. Getting Jesus wrong  
Not forgiven means not going to Heaven**

- **Context:** Jewish Religious Leaders attribute Jesus power to Satan

**Jesus Warning: Every sin will be forgiven except one...Getting Me wrong**

- **Blasphemy:** Slander, detraction, speech injurious to another's good name. Vilification evil speaking, railing.
- **Unforgivable Sin:** Calling the **Holy Spirit of Truth a Liar**
  1. Spirit says Jesus is the God in flesh and the only Savior
  2. You say no He's not and I can do it my own way without Jesus
- **W/in Triune God:** God Father, God Son and God Holy Spirit [One God/3 Persons]
  1. Jesus reveals/glorifies the Father and...
  2. **Holy Spirit reveals/glorifies Jesus...**

**Mathew 16:13** ... when He, the **Spirit of truth**, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 **He will glorify Me**, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

If we deny the Holy Spirit's revelation of our personal need for a Savior...and if we die without agreeing with the Spirit's revelation by accepting Jesus as our only Savior... then we have blasphemed the Holy Spirit; i.e. we reject Jesus as Savior and therefore cannot be forgiven by the Father. Don't show up to judgment without Jesus [NJC]

### **Q. Why is Jesus bringing this up to the Jews? Because they said He has a demon**

**Mark 3:29** ... he who **blasphemes against the Holy Spirit** never has forgiveness, but is subject to [KJV in danger of] **eternal condemnation**— 30 because they said, "**He has an unclean spirit.**"

32 Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

- **Blasphemy of Holy Spirit:** Rejecting Spirits call to accept Jesus as Savior till death

**Jesus calls for a decision needs to be made...time is running out**

33 "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.

- **Urgent decision:** Choose today you might not have tomorrow...

**Genesis 6:3** "My Spirit shall **not strive with man forever....**"

**2 Corinthians 6:2b...** Behold, **now is the accepted time**; behold, now is the day of salvation.

**Luke 12:20** But God said [covetous] 'Fool! This night your **soul will be required of you...**'

- **Religious Jews are running out of time:** Jesus loves them by going for the jugular...

34 **Brood of vipers!** How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.

**Beginning w/John the Baptist Religious leaders were warned their time is short**

**Matthew 3:7** ...Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, 9 and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

What you think about Me is evil. What you say about Me was evil. You are evil.  
I am here to save and forgive you. What say you?

36 But I say to you that for **every idle word men may speak**, they will **give account of it in the day of judgment**. 37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Words matter: Words solidify thoughts which lead to decisions hard to walk back

▪ **Careless words have eternal consequences...**

1. Shouting protestors
2. Blaspheming College Professors
3. Self-deceived Atheists
4. Self-righteous Jewish Nation... **Words matter.**

This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons

Words Matter. Repent immediately.  
Reaction to Jesus loving warning? Apathy

38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."

▪ **No more signs for you.**

1. No more time given to you
2. No more questions answered

**We want to see a sign just one more sign...**

39 But [Jesus] answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The men of Nineveh will rise up in the

judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here. 42The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a **greater than Solomon is here.**

- **Evil and Adulterous:** You have left the Living God for the Idol of Self-Righteousness
  1. No more signs but one: My Resurrection from the dead
  2. Jonah preached to evil Nineveh and they immediately repented
  3. Queen of Sheba traveled long distance hear Solomon. Greater that Sol is here

**The Son of God walked among them and they said no.**

**John 1:11** He came to His own, and **His own did not receive Him...**

So, filled with religious pride...they missed God

- **God will judge Israel in 40 years using Rome...**

**Luke 19:44...** and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the **time of your visitation.** [We all have a visitation]

- Rejected the Cornerstone/Stumble over the Rock of Ages
  1. Temporal disaster in 40 years
  2. Eternal Torment forever. Why. Got Jesus wrong.

Jesus is 7 verses away from turning focus from Israel to us for 2000+ yrs.

**Final Insult: Claiming Jesus power of Satan and not heeding the warning to repent**

43 "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. 44 Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. 45 Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. **So shall it also be with this wicked generation."**

- **True of individuals...**
  1. **Demon cast out:** Individual delivered from sin
  2. Demon looks for another host sees man delivered/not filled with Spirit
  3. Demon goes back and completely [7 demons] takes over the guy
- **Q:** In context...**What does this have to do with anything**
- **A:** It is an allegory for Jesus delivering Jewish Nation not followed by repentance

**So, it will be with this wicked generation**

Israel will/has become one of the most godless nations on earth

46 While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, [Jesus] mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him.

- **Mother and brothers:** I thought Mary stayed a virgin?
- **Jesus family though he was insane...**

**Mark 3:20** Then the multitude came together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. 21 But when **His own people** heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, "He is out of His mind."

- Jesus younger ½ brothers did not believe in Him

**John 7:5 .... even His brothers did not believe in Him.**

- **Jesus ½ brother James believed after resurrection** 1 Cor 15:5
- James went on to become leader of Church in Jerusalem Acts 15
- Jesus mother/brothers were part of group waiting for Holy Spirit Acts 1:14

Jesus mother and brothers outside wanting to speak with Him...

47 Then one said to [Jesus], "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You." 48 But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" 49 And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! 50 For whoever **does the will of My Father** in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."

- If we are part of Jesus family, **we will listen/obey the voice of God**

Now is not a time for compromise when sharing Jesus...leave no wiggle room  
**Make sure people get Jesus right. The only God and Savior Jesus Christ**

He is not just a man. He is not the archangel Michael. He is not the brother of Satan. He is not a created being. He is the Lord of the Universe. He is our Creator. He is the only Savior and the world's only hope. He is the Almighty Eternal God come in the flesh to save us from sin, death and hell.