



Introduction: Do you agree with the statement:

A _____ House Cannot Stand.

Now, as we approach this fourth section of Matthew 12, we read...

I. The _____ - 12:22

22 Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw.

The man brought to Jesus had three major problems:

Jesus healed this man completely. Our text says, *“so that the man both spoke and saw.”*

II. The _____ - 12:23

23 And all the multitudes were amazed and said, “Could this be the Son of David?”

The Greek word “amazed” literally means, were _____ themselves, overwhelmed, or astounded.

The People knew that when the Messiah arrived He would do _____ ([Isaiah 35:5](#)), and so we have the question, "Could this be the Son of David?"

It should have been obvious!

III. The _____ - 12:24

24 Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."

The Accusation

In [Luke 11:16](#), we read, "Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven." And in [Mark 3:22](#), it reads, "the _____".

The New Unger's Bible Dictionary has the following to say about, **BEEL´ZEBUL** (be-el'ze-bul), a _____ deity. Believed to be the prince of evil spirits ([Matt. 10:25](#); [12:24, 27](#); [Mark 3:22](#); [Luke 11:15-28](#)).

IV. The _____ - 12:25-29

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? 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.

What do we learn from the next five verses?

- Jesus knew their _____ – 12:25
- A kingdom or _____ divided cannot stand but shall be brought to desolation – 12:25

The word “desolation” used here means, to lay _____, come to naught.

- If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself, his kingdom will not stand – 12:26

Satan is the leader of the _____ (the world of the demonic) and he would NEVER fight against himself.

John 10:9a - *“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.”*

If I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? – 12:27

Jesus asked them, *“by whom do your sons casts them out?”*

- But if I cast out demons by the _____ of God, surely the Kingdom of God has come upon you – 12:28

In Luke 11:20, Jesus said, *“But if I cast out demons with the _____ of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.”*

Matthew 12:29, *“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.”*

V. The _____ – 12:30

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

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Conclusion: So, what are the spiritual truths that we can walk away with today? There are nine of them. They are:

1. _____ people come to Jesus. Are you hurting my friend?
2. Jesus has _____ and power over all diseases and demons.
3. People will always be _____ by the work of Jesus Christ.
4. Pharisees will always finger-point and deny God's authority and power.
5. _____ activity is real, and we must know our enemy.
6. Divided _____ and houses will not stand.
7. God's _____ was among those in this text, and it is among us today.
8. The _____ man must be bound before you can plunder his house. This is where the idea comes from when people pray, "Bind Satan".
9. We are either for _____ , or we are Antichrist. We either help gather, or we are responsible for scattering.