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What's In Your Heart?

- Picking up right in the middle of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit conversation.
- A demon possessed man who was blind and mute was freed.
- The crowd began asking if Jesus was the Son of David.
- The Pharisees responded by calling the work of God the work of Satan.

What is blasphemy?

Blasphemia - to hurt by a report. Blasphemy is slandering God by irreverently, defiantly, attacking His name, identity or by labeling His revealed work as evil.

- **Matthew 12:33** Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit.
- Fruit doesn't make the tree
- It tells the truth of the tree
- The fruit determines the quality of a tree
- Fruit takes time – seed, watering, growth, branches, then fruit.
- Fruit needs to be proven.

Matthew 12:34 You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

- Jesus uses the same phrase as John the Baptist in Matt. 3:7.
- Their influence is poisonous and dangerous.
- Vipers inject venom through their mouth.
- Brood – pack, community. Protect their territory.

- Venom doesn't always kill fast.
- Matthew 7:15-20 – Jesus warns us about false prophets, sheep and wolves.
Recognizing by their fruit.
- He is confronting wolves to protect the sheep.

Matthew 12:35 The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.

Matthew 6:19-21 19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- Your mouth reveals your heart's “treasure.”

- The only thing that can come out, is what is inside.

Matthew 12:36-37 36 I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, 37 for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

- Words are not empty.
- God created the world with his words.
- Careless – irresponsible, unproductive.
- Justified – not salvation but means to be shown righteous.