



MATTHEW

The Prophecy Fulfilled

Jesus promised...



- His great call... (ch 1 1)
 - Come to Me: weary, burdened – I give rest!
 - Take my yoke – walk with Me willingly...
- Sabbath Rest in Him (ch 1 2)
 - Healing is right and good on the Sabbath
 - He heals the man, “stretch out!” (vs 1 5 – healing!)

Scripture Fulfilled



- Rejection of truth... why?
 - Sometimes it is preconceptions... Sometimes it is sin!
- Isa 42 quoted...
 - MY Servant, Beloved, well-pleasing
 - My Spirit – GENTILES!?? (battered reed, smoking wick)
 - Smallest spark will be encouraged! (20)

Demonized set free



- Another instance of demonized – *daimonizomai* (13x)
 - Blind and dumb – not possible even among their own...
 - Same in Mark 3:22-27; Luke 11:14-26
 - Can this be Son of David? = Messiah!
- He does it by demon power! (24) foolish!
 - Divided against itself... who do you use? (27)

Kingdom of God



- By the Spirit of God! (vs 28)
 - Jesus used the HS for this empowerment!
 - When one goes out, another takes it's place!
- Binding the strong man... Jesus does this! (29)
- And then a stern warning...30-37

Working against the HS



- 30 - are you for Me?
 - Blasphemy against the HS... - not forgiven! Ongoing
 - working miracles by the devil, denying HS
- 32 - speaking against the HS - He is God!
 - You are known by your fruit! (33; 7:15-20)
 - **VIPERS!!!** Heart/Mouth connection

Words



- Our words will speak our hearts...
- 36 – “careless” words – idle, useless – Judgment!
- 37 – words will Justify or Condemn! James 3:8-12
 - Hearts are the key here
 - Spoken to those who thought they **COULD** be justified by their words and actions...

Seeking Signs



- Scribes and Pharisees come looking
 - He had just healed an withered hand, and many more!
 - “sign” – *semeíon* – attesting miracle, “proof”
 - Evil and adulterous – heart assessment!
- Sign of Jonah... (40)
 - Yes, this really happened! Jesus uses it! (3 Days in Hell)
 - AND, the greatest Gentile revival happened... and you???

Greater than Jonah



- Jesus is greater and more revealing of God...
 - Jonah – repent or be overthrown!
- “Queen of the South” – Sheba 1Ki 10:1; 2Chron 9:1
 - She was wow-ed by Solomon and the Temple
 - Jesus is better than both!
 - The generation will be condemned... no repentance!

Misquoted message



- 43-45 demon's on the run?
 - People miss the message here...
 - Jesus is **NOT** giving a "how-to" guide...
 - **NOTE:** "That is the way it will **ALSO** be with this evil generation." (comp. vs 39)

Albert Barnes:



The general sentiment which our Saviour here teaches is much more easily understood than the illustration which he uses. The Jews had asked a sign from heaven that should decisively prove that he was the Messiah, and satisfy their unbelief. He replies, that though he should give them such a sign — a proof conclusive and satisfactory; and though for a time they should profess to believe, and apparently reform — yet such was the obstinacy of their unbelief and wickedness, that they would soon return to them, and become worse and worse. Infidelity and wickedness, like an evil spirit in a possessed man, were appropriately at home in them. If driven out, they would find no other place so comfortable and undisturbed as their bosoms, Everywhere they would be comparatively like an evil spirit going through deserts and lonely places, and finding no place of rest. They would return, therefore, and dwell with them.