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Matthew 12:22-30 | The Big Lie About Jesus The Christ
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WELCOME:

- Please turn your Bibles to Matthew 12.
- Bibles in the back—our gift to you.
- Sermon Notes in the foyer.

REVIEW:

Several Sunday's ago, we saw how Jesus was teaching and preaching in a local synagogue, and the Scribes and Pharisees set a trap for Jesus.

The trap was sad and pathetic—especially cruel.

There was a man with a disabled ^{hand} man sitting in the front row.

And it was a trap because the Scribes and Pharisees knew how compassionate Jesus was—these men saw Jesus heal many people.

But the trap was not whether Jesus was going to heal this man. —They knew that.

The trap was whether Jesus would heal this man— on the Sabbath day.

Healing on the Sabbath was not a violation of OT law—however, it was a violation of their law. —Man made rule to try to please God

Jesus did indeed heal the man—completely and fully.

This man could now make a living and provide for his family.

He was no longer a beggar.

But instead of the Scribes and Pharisees falling to their knees and worshipping Jesus as their Messiah and Savior—

They flew into a rage and started making plans on how to kill the Son of God.

Knowing their plans, Jesus withdrew from that synagogue of His own volition.

And then Matthew does something interesting, rather than staying with the drama between the Pharisees and Jesus—we can only handle so much Jerry Springer show, and then you have got to turn that stuff off!

Matt takes a break and shows us how Jesus is not only the King of kings but also a servant leader—the perfect servant.

And he did so by pointing us to the OT prophet Isaiah. = MATT 12:15-21

Those words penned by Isaiah were written 500-700 years before Jesus was even born.

Finally, we discussed the accuracy, the reality, and the mathematical odds of not only that prophecy being fulfilled but the others as well. Prophecies

INTRODUCTION:

Today, we will learn one of the biggest lies the Scribes and Pharisees have ever told about Jesus.

We've heard this lie in passing before, but today, Jesus not only addresses and denounces this lie but also changes His entire ministry strategy because of it.

starting in Matt 13 -> Parables - CANT UNDERSTAND
Have you ever been lied to? How'd it feel?

What if the lie has eternal consequences? -> impacts salvation? disrupts your faith in Jesus?

There are many lies about Jesus that people believe today—the biggest one today is that Jesus wants you to be happy, healthy, and wealthy. (Prosperity Gospel).

That's not true—Jesus wants us to be holy.

From His holiness everything else flows

And Jesus also wanted the Pharisees to be holy—but they refused to listen to the truth.

Because the Scribes and Pharisees didn't listen to the truth, they listened to lies.

The question before us is this—are we doing the same thing today—but in a different context?

↳ believing lies about Jesus?

Let's find out!

Please stand for the reading and honoring of God's Word.

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 12:22—Then a demon-possessed man who was blind and unable to speak was brought to him. He healed him, so that the man could both speak and see.

Matthew 12:23— All the crowds were astounded and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"

Matthew 12:24— When the Pharisees heard this, they said, "This man drives out demons only by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons."

Matthew 12:25— Knowing their thoughts, he told them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is headed for destruction, and no city or house divided against itself will stand.

Matthew 12:26— If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

Matthew 12:27— And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons drive them out? For this reason they will be your judges.

Matthew 12:28— If I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Matthew 12:29— How can someone enter a strong man's house and steal his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house.

Matthew 12:30— Anyone who is not with me is against me, and anyone who does not gather with me scatters.

These are the very words from the authoritative, inerrant, inspired, and infallible Word of Almighty God.

PRAY:

*How happy is anyone
who has put his trust in the Lord
and has not turned to the proud
or to those who run after lies!* (Psalm 40:4)

→ Grace = truth

EXEGESIS:

Matthew 12:22— Then a demon-possessed man who was blind and unable to speak was brought to (Jesus) him. (Jesus) He healed him, so that the man could both speak and see.

This poor man was possessed by a demonic spirit.

And this demonic spirit ^{control} overtook this man's body.

Demons are fallen angels, under the leadership of Satan who rebelled against God.

Angels were created to worship, ^{originally} praise and serve God.

Fallen angels have a similar function but a different master.

Their allegiance is to Satan.

Satan ("adversary") and Devil ("slanderer")

"Father of Lies" - John 8:44

A Demon's purpose is to carry out the schemes of Satan and to oppose God.

And they do that by tempting, deceiving, and lying to people.

Unfortunately, many Christians don't believe in the reality of Satan, demons, or hell.

Which is a bit strange because Jesus certainly does. ³ That's what Scripture teaches.

Some Christians tend to think that living in our modern culture that, we're above those old belief systems or maybe too scientifically sophisticated for Satan.

Satan loves that.

Are there demon possessed people walking around today?

Yes, but many times in our sophistication we diagnose them as mentally ill and put them in institutions.

Now, the world loves Satan, demons, and death, don't they?

The world offers best-selling books, TV shows, and movies about wizards, witches, and vampires. → All things demonic & evil.

So, the world tends to overemphasize the demonic.

But there is a greater danger when Christians underemphasize and underestimate them.

We need to take seriously what Paul says.

+ **Ephesians 6:11**— Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil.

+ **Ephesians 6:12**— For our struggle is not against flesh and blood (people), but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens.

Our true struggles and battles in this life are not visible.

+ **Ephesians 6:13**— For this reason take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand.

So the apostle Paul takes Satan seriously and so does our Lord Jesus.

+ **Luke 10:18**—“I watched Satan fall from heaven like lightning.

What’s Jesus talking about?

+ **Isaiah 14:12**—Shining morning star, (Lucifer)
how you have fallen from the heavens!
You destroyer of nations,
you have been cut down to the ground.

+ **Isaiah 14:13**— You said to yourself,
“I will ascend to the heavens;
I will set up my throne
above the stars of God...

+ **Isaiah 14:14**— I will ascend above the highest clouds;

I will make myself like the Most High."

Reality

+ **Isaiah 14:15**— But you will be brought down to Sheol into the deepest regions of the Pit. → Most severe place of judgment.

All that to say this—demons are personal, immortal, and incapable of reconciliation with God—they’ve already been judged.

Now, until the time of judgement, they have tremendous power.

A power that humans do not have.

So as disciples of Jesus, we can’t read this passage and ignore the reality of Satan. Demons

#2 + **Matthew 12:22(a)**—Then a demon-possessed man who was blind and unable to speak was brought to (Jesus) him.

Demons hate God and, therefore, hate His creation—especially people because people are created in God’s image.

This man is in an awful state.

We don’t know how or why this man got possessed by a demon—what we do know is that he can’t see, and he can’t talk.

In other words, this man can’t ask for help.

He also can’t find help because he’s blind.

So, someone brings this man to Jesus.

+ **Matthew 12:22(b)**— (Jesus) He healed him, so that the man could both speak and see.

Matt gives us zero information on how Jesus healed this man—or how he responds.

This is interesting because Matthew usually says Jesus “cast out” the demon.

But Matthew seems to redirect our attention to the crowd’s response instead.

+ **Matthew 12:23**— All the crowds were astounded and said, “Could this be the Son of David?”

Why would Matt focus on the crowd’s reaction?

Jesus has previously healed blind people.

On a separate occasion, Jesus had also healed a mute person.

So, what’s so unique about this healing?

This is the only time in the Gospels where Jesus heals a person with both disabilities!

This man is both blind and deaf.

Now, reading through the Gospels, demon possession was not that unusual in the first century.

When we hear the term “demon possession,” today, we tend to roll our eyes.

We tend to make jokes or deflect and change the subject.

Not so back then. And because of that even the Pharisees had exorcists.

However, their methods of exorcism were very different than that of Jesus.

The Pharisees had a systematic procedure to go through.

They believed that the Pharisaic exorcist needed to establish some type of communication with the demon before he could cast him out.

And one of the first things they wanted to know was the demon's name.

Jesus even did this — in speaking to a man who had a 'Legion' of demons. MKS:9

↳ number? title

The problem that Pharisaic exorcists had — was that they could never cast out a demon from a mute person because they could never establish communication with the demon himself.

But Jesus doesn't need to establish communication—Jesus only commands the demons to obey—and ~~he~~ does.

They do.

So look what happens next—

- Jesus heals this man
- The man can now hear and speak

Matthew 12:23(a)— *All the crowds were astounded...*

The crowd was amazed.

The scene here is that these people go bonkers!

They are totally beside themselves with amazement and wonder.

They were literally knocked out of their senses.

In other words, this miracle was overwhelming.

Jesus intentionally intensified His supernatural power to demonstrate to the crowd that He is God.

Matthew 12:23(b)— “Could this be the Son of David?”

The “Son of David” points to Jesus’ genealogy—which we studied in Matthew chapter one.

Matt opens his Gospel with the genealogical proof that Jesus, in His humanity, was a direct descendant of Abraham and David through Joseph, Jesus’ legal father.

Primarily, the title “Son of David” is more than a statement of physical genealogy.

It is a Messianic title. When people refer to Jesus as the Son of David, they mean He is the long-awaited Deliverer, fulfilling the Old Testament prophecies.

This was not a cynical question from the crowd—it’s sincere.

People began to sense the truth regardless of what the Scribes and Pharisees kept saying about Jesus.

They wondered, “Could we be in the presence of the long awaited Messiah/Savior?”

It’s almost as if, up to this point, it was easy to believe the Scribes and Pharisees because most people thought that the Messiah was coming as a warrior and King to relieve Israel from its troubles—Roman oppression.

It was tough for them to wrap their brains around the fact that this gentle, compassionate teacher and healer could indeed be their Savior.

Matthew 12:24— When the Pharisees heard this, they said, “This man drives out demons only by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.”

This is the same response/excuse from the Pharisees that we heard before. (Matt 9:34; 10:25)

→ *Seminars Music*

The Pharisees view Jesus not as Messianic but as demonic.

This is important—The Pharisees do not deny the reality of Jesus’s miracles but attribute them to Satan instead of God.

The Pharisees are not like liberal theologians today, who are nice to Jesus and say nice things like “He’s the greatest moral teacher who ever lived.”

Yet, at the same time their saying nice things they deny Jesus’ miracles or try to rewrite history.

On the other hand, the Pharisees have seen Jesus’ miracles with their own two eyes.

So they’re not challenging the reality of His miracle.

But they do something equally as wicked as today’s theologians.

In fact, they commit the same sin—the lie.

The Pharisees panic and say that Jesus is empowered by Satan himself—Beelzebub—that’s not nice.

Now, who is this Beetle Juice character?—Beelzebub?

Beelzebub (sometimes found as “Beelzebub” or “Baalzebub”)

The first mention we have of this character is in 2 Kings 1.

Evidently, King Ahaziah was worshipping this false god named Baal-zebub.

We don’t know what happened with its etymology or the spelling, but this false god turned into a reference for:

- “the lord of the flies”
- and then again into “the lord of the dung.”

- and then eventually turned into a reference for Satan and his demons.

So that's the reference to Beelzebul—These religious men are calling Jesus a demon or the devil himself.

Parse —

Wrap your brain around that—religious men calling God, Satan, because He keeps healing people, saving lives and teaching the truth.

Why?

These guys couldn't have been more wrong!

These guys have been studying the God's Word all their lives, yet they miss the *Living Word* standing right in front of them!

After hearing this repeated accusation, Jesus addresses it.

Being called Satan is a pretty severe charge—especially when you're the Son of God.

In the OT, practicing magic by Satan's power was a capital offense, punishable by stoning.

+ **Matthew 12:25(a)**— *Knowing their thoughts,*

How surprised do you think the Pharisees were when they realized that Jesus knew their thoughts!

The idea here is the Pharisees were deep within the crowds—beyond Jesus hearing them physically—and yet he did hear them. ^{supernaturally}

So now we have a teachable moment to unteachable people.

+ **Matthew 12:25(b)**— Jesus told them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is headed for destruction, and no city or house divided against itself will stand."

If you're a logical thinker—if you consider yourself a rational person, you should love today's passage!

“Divided, destruction, divided.”

For any institution, there must be unity—not division.

A united city government is a strong city government.

Have you ever been to a city council meeting?

(school board)

division is a wicked thing in our city

A united business serves its customers well.

Have you ever walked into a restaurant where the cooks and servers are fighting?

A united church is a strong church.

Have you ever been part of a church split?

A united family is a strong family.

Isn't it awful how one person, one child, ruins a family get-together?

We all know these things, and that's why Jesus makes his point about division.

+ **Matthew 12:26**— If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself.
How then will his kingdom stand?

In other words, why would Satan perform a beautiful healing miracle that saves this man's life—

And at the very same time drives out the demons who initially caused him to suffer?

Jesus is asking the Pharisees to use some common sense—to use the basic rules of logic.

Jesus basically said, *Don't be absurd, Satan is too smart to undermine his own kingdom.*

Satan is wicked—He's not dumb.

He would be destroying his own work if he cast himself out.

Think through this—if Satan uses Jesus to drive out his own demons, Satan loses.

And Satan is not going to set his demons against one another. *either.*

+ **Matthew 12:27(a)**— *And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons drive them out?*

Jesus again used a hypothetical situation to make a point.

“Let’s assume that you are right and I am casting out demons because I have the Satan’s power—By whom, by what power then, do your sons cast them out?”

“Your sons”—referring to the Pharisaic exorcists that they trained. *- student disciples.*

Some Jewish exorcists apparently were successful, and some were not.

Jesus is asking— By whose power did *they* cast out demons?

Are they using God's power or SATAN'S?

There’s a great story that illustrates this:

+ **Acts 19:13**—*Now some of the itinerant (traveling) Jewish exorcists also attempted to pronounce the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “I command you by the Jesus that Paul preaches!”*

Acts 19:14— Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish high priest, were doing this.

Acts 19:15— The evil spirit answered them, "I know Jesus, and I recognize Paul—but who are you?"

Acts 19:16— Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on (Jewish exorcists) them, overpowered them all (one vs seven), and prevailed against them, so that they ran out of that house naked and wounded.

W/ That illustration

In other words, there is no way the Jewish exorcists will say that they are casting out demons by the power of Satan because Satan just took them to school.

→ Scribes & Pharisees own people

Jesus knows this & says...

Matthew 12:27(b)— For this reason they will be your judges.

Those Jewish exorcists would testify to this fact.
Cause division.

AGAINST those Scribes & Pharisees

They're going to side with Jesus because it makes no sense to believe that the Jews were casting out demons with God's power—and yet turn around and believe that Jesus was doing the very same thing by the power of Satan.

Matthew 12:28— If I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

This verse could be translated as "the kingdom has arrived."

Picture a train that had just pulled into the station or a plane that had just touched down.

Jesus is still working in a very logical manner—but shifts from defending his actions to teaching.

Matthew 12:28— If I drive out demons by the Spirit of God,

First, in the Greek, "I" is ^{emphasis} emphatic: Jesus himself casts out demons and brings the kingdom.

Second, the reference to the Spirit points us back to verse 18. ^{where Matt paraphrases Isaiah.}

Matthew 12:18—Here is my servant whom I (God the Father) have chosen, my beloved in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him.

The Spirit that The Father placed on Jesus now empowers His earthly ministry.

Matthew 12:28— If I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

In other words, the kingdom of God has arrived because I've ^{Arrived!} here.

It is not future.

"Has come" is a present tense, pointing to a present reality.

If the kingdom has come because Jesus has come, then Jesus must be the King, the Messiah/Savior.

Luke's Gospel states it this way—

Luke 11:20— If I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

^{"Wake up!" - so easy for Jesus to cast out demons.}

Jesus had completely dismantled the Scribes' and Pharisees' ^{argument} through logic. ^{lie About Him}

And now, Jesus uses an illustration to prove His point.

Matthew 12:29— How can someone enter a strong man's house and steal his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house.

First things first, Jesus does not serve Satan; Jesus conquers Satan.

Jesus enters Satan's world through the front door.

Jesus doesn't go to the back and sneak in to surprise Satan.

Jesus is a warrior and directly confronts Satan.

Yes, Satan is strong, but Jesus is stronger.

Matthew 12:30(a)—Anyone who is not with me is against me,

There is no neutral ground.

Either Jesus is your King, or Satan is.

If you are not with Jesus, you're against Him—you are an enemy of God. (Rom. 5:10)

We ~~never~~ ^{rarely} hear people say, "I'm against Jesus."

Instead, they say, "I don't believe in Jesus," or "I don't feel the need for Jesus."

Remember the old rock song, "Jesus, he's my friend. Jesus is just all right, oh yeah."

Please note that you don't need to openly oppose Jesus to be against Him—all you have to do is ignore Him.

Jesus is either your Lord and Savior or your judge.

To be "with" Jesus means that you have been chosen by God and therefore called by God.

What do you do when you hear the call? *Sinners Prayer? Chose God? Accept?*
= Believe (God)

Romans 10:9—If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:10— One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation.

↳ Jesus is Lord
↳ si-

↳ eternal life instead of eternal death

Matthew 12:30—Anyone who is not with me is against me, and anyone who does not gather with me scatters.

Jesus is talking directly to us. *= church / Disciples.*

Our responsibility as the church is to make disciples. *Full Great Commission*

If we are not sharing Jesus day by day then we are scattering the flock instead of gathering them together in unity.

illustrate -

This could also be a reference to harvest time for the farmers.

The idea is that the church gathers people to God, similar to gathering crops at harvest time.

If we're not doing that, it's not that we're doing nothing—it's that we're having the opposite impact on people and scattering them away from God.

PREACH:

So the big lie about Jesus The Christ from the Scribes and Pharisees was that Jesus had supernatural powers because He was either demonic or Satan himself.

What lie you're believing about God that simply isn't true?

- *The Heavenly Father is like my earthly father.*
 - It's hard not believe that—takes time.
- *God is all about religion.*
 - Law and keeping the rules—
 - He's got His finger pointed at us and a scowl on His face because He's unhappy or mad at us.
- *Prosperity Gospel*
 - If I'm not healthy, wealthy and happy then there must be something wrong with my faith—I don't have enough faith. LIE!
- *God is not involved in my suffering / trials of life*
 - Do we see our trails of life as blessings or curses?
 - When things go wrong in our life, do we attribute those things to Satan?
 - Are we making the same mistake as the Scribes and Pharisees?
 - Many times the thing that God has specifically ordained in your life (illness, cancer, financial troubles, relationship issues, etc) is the very thing God uses to draws us closer to Him and conforms us to Christ.
 - Without this trial, you would not learn and know what He's trying to reveal to you.
 - James 1:2-4
 - James 1:12
 - Do you trust God as much as you say you love Him?
 - Many times we think our life is falling apart when it's actually falling into place (Casting Crowns song)
 - 1 Peter 1:5-9
- Not truly saved.
- Not really forgiven (sins are to great/serious).
- Not worthy to be loved.

- God is in my political party
 - God isn't running for God.

Josh 5:13

 **KEYPOINT:**

When in doubt, run to the empty— blood stained cross and empty grave!

God the Father has already proved that He loves and cares for you by giving you His best—God the Son.

 **PRAYER**

BENEDICTION

...be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Cor. 15:58)

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