

## Matthew Lesson 12 b

The Gospel According to Matthew -- Chapter 12:22 - 49

**Historical background** – Jesus promises “rest” – no more uncertainty, fear, anxiety and despair. He also promises peace of heart and mind. Who is he, that he can promise such things?

### Vocabulary

- Beelzebul
- plunder
- scatters
- good tree / bad tree
- slander
- “brood of vipers”
- “a sign”

### Questions about Chapter 12

- The people continue to bring the sick to Jesus. Jesus healed a demon-possessed man. What do you think astonished the people who were there? What did they ask? (v. 22-23)
- What did the Pharisees accuse Jesus of doing? How did they believe Jesus was healing people? (v. 24)
- What was Jesus’ response to the Pharisees? (v. 25 – 37) How did he know their thoughts?
- In verses 28, Jesus says , “If it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon us”. What is Jesus telling the Pharisees and people?
- What is the sin that can never be forgiven? (v. 30 – 32)
- What is the sign of Jonah of the prophet? (v. 39 – 41)
- Solomon was known for his wisdom. Who is greater than Solomon? (v. 42)
- What conclusion do you find in verses 46 -48?