

Lesson #13- Matthew Chapter 12 Questions for Discussion:

1. In verses 1-7 the Pharisees see Jesus' disciples plucking ears of corn to eat during the sabbath day and accused them to Jesus of breaking the law. Jesus ends the conversation by saying, "For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day." Did the disciples break the law by their actions? Discuss Jesus' response to the Pharisees.

2. In verses 9-14 we find the story of Jesus healing a man with a withered hand, once again on the sabbath day. Once again it causes conflict with the self-righteous religious leaders, who are now on a mission to destroy Jesus. Jesus, knowing the intent of the Pharisees, withdrew from them but great multitudes of the people followed Him, and He healed all of them. But then He gives them a strange command, that they "should not make him known: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,". Find that prophesy in the Old Testament and discuss its fulfilment in Jesus.

3. Starting in verse 22 we read that a man “possessed with a devil, blind and dumb” is healed by Jesus. The Pharisees are outraged and accuse Jesus of doing this miracle by the power of Beelzebub. The stage is now set for the famous and often misinterpreted teaching of Jesus concerning blaspheming the Holy Ghost. Discuss the dialogue between Jesus and these Pharisees and the meaning of blaspheming the Holy Ghost.

4. What is the sign of the prophet Jonas?

5. How does Jesus describe His family in verse 50?