

Sunday School Lesson, Tuesday, July 4th, & Sunday, July 9th, 2023
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Lesson 6 – Unit II Theme: “JESUS Envisions The KINGdom!”
Envision, verb, meaning, to visualize; to see in one’s mind’s eye.

Subject: “A Demonstration of Power!”

--HE’S GOD’S special AGENT of REVELATION and ACTS on GOD’S Behalf (John 1: 18; 3: 34, 35; 5: 17)

--JESUS declares HIS WORDS are SPIRIT and LIFE.” (John 6: 63)

--JESUS demonstrates HIS Authority to give Life to whomever HE Wishes. (John 5: 21)

Text: Matthew 12: 22-32 (“JESUS Demonstration of Power!”)

Lesson Topics:

1. A Kingdom of *Division* (Matthew 12: 22-27) [Satan a *Divider*]
2. A KINGdom of **DELIVERANCE** (Matthew 12: 28-32)
[**CHRIST JESUS, The KING, WHO DELIVERS!!!**]

Lesson Focus...

1. **JESUS, The CHRIST** (The Promised **MESSIAH**; **The DELIVERER**; **The MIRACLE-WORKER**; **The HEALER**; **SUPERIOR** to All; Worthy of *Praise* and *Acclaim*!)
2. Pharisees: Scholars, Community Leaders, Influential religious experts. Accusers, Haters, Blind Guides, Bad Judges, Jealous Ones, Acclaim-seekers. They reached their climax in discrediting **CHRIST**. They could not deny **CHRIST JESUS Miracles**.
3. The Man... Blind, Unable to Speak, Possessed with a Demon.

Lesson Text:

--Verse 22, **CHRIST JESUS Power**. “...they brought to **HIM** the man... and **JESUS** healed him!” Only **CHRIST** could do this... Not the Pharisees. **CHRIST JESUS is SUPERIOR...**

The Pharisees are religious, weak, and envious.

--Verse 23, **CHRIST JESUS** is Praised. “And all the people were amazed [astonished, astounded, awed] ... Is this MESSIAH? David’s Promise? And the people Praised [celebrated, complimented, sang the Praises of]. The Pharisees hated [detested, despised, criticized].

--Verse 24, **CHRIST JESUS** is claimed to have done something Illegal. “...cast out demons by Beelzebub, the Prince of the Devil.”

--Verse 25, **CHRIST JESUS** knew their Thoughts. Before **HIS** enemies could put their thoughts into words, **JESUS—ONMISCIENT, ALL-KNOWING**, knew what they were thinking.

--Verses 26-29, **CHRIST JESUS** Protested their Allegations...

--Verse 26, “...the charge of casting out demons by Satan’s Power. That is, Satan working in **CHRIST**... Satan working against Himself. Result, a Divided Kingdom.

--Verse 27, The Pharisees Discredited **CHRIST JESUS WHO is GOD** for casting out demons... They did not give **GOD The Glory** when **HE**, even through them cast out demons.

--Verse 28, **CHRIST JESUS** credits **HIS** casting out demons to “**The SPIRIT of GOD**” and “**The Coming of GOD’S KINGdom.**” [Through **The FINGER of GOD**, Luke 11: 14-23)
--Verse 29, **CHRIST JESUS is The KING in GOD’S KINGdom.** Only **The KING** that can defeat, Satan’s *domain* and *dominate* Him!
--Verse 30, **CHRIST JESUS** Profiles **HIS** Enemies. The Pharisees claim to be Shepherds of **GOD’S** people, yet they scatter the flocks.
--Verses 31, 32, Accusing **CHRIST JESUS** is *perilous* and involves *Eternal Condemnation.*
Unpardonable Sin—attributing to Satan rejecting **The HOLY SPIRIT...**
Pardonable Sin—is dependent upon *Repentance...*
(Remember **GOD** forgave David of Sin(s) and even, Murder)

Key Thoughts...

GOD is VICTOR! We must decide in **WHOM** we Believe! We are either with **GOD** or against **GOD!**

The Only WAY to **GOD** is through **CHRIST JESUS!**

Let **JESUS CHRIST** into your Heart and no Foe though He may batter at the door of Your heart and break in to destroy, **CHRIST JESUS** is there to Defeat Him!!!