

# Treasure Hunt

- What is the difference between the doubts of the people and the opposition of the Pharisees?
- What does our Lord's knowledge of their thoughts show?
- What two arguments does the Lord offer against the Pharisees?
- What feature of the Lord's exorcisms shows that they cannot be a ruse by Satan?
- Where does our Lord get the image of the strong man?
- Please explain the difference between Mark 9:40 and Matt 12:30.

# Overview of Matthew 12

## Rejection by Pharisees

## His True People

1-8 Picking grain on the Sabbath

2 But when the **Pharisees** saw *it*, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

9-14 Healing on the Sabbath

14 Then the **Pharisees** went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

15-21 Healing great multitudes

18 he shall shew judgment to the **Gentiles**.  
21 And in his name shall the **Gentiles** trust.

22-37 Casting out a Demon

24 But when the **Pharisees** heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

38-45 Seeking a Sign

38 Then certain of the scribes and of the **Pharisees** answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

46-50 His true family

50 For **whosoever shall do the will of my Father** which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

# Two kinds of “devil”

Strongs 1228 διαβολος

~ English “devil,” βολ → vil

= OT Satan, the Accuser in the heavenly court

Matt 4:1-11; 13:39; 25:41

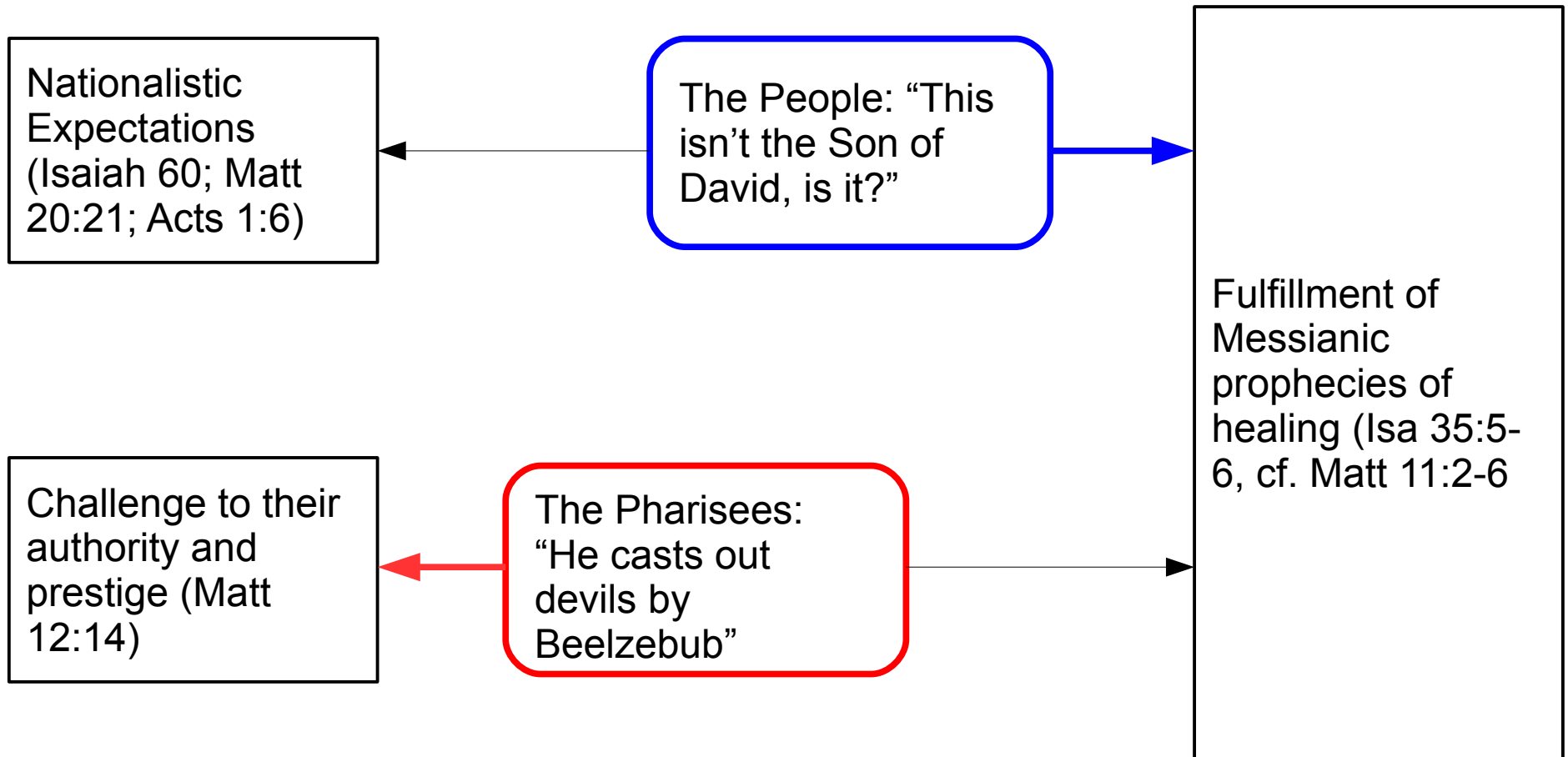
Strongs 1140 δαιμονιον (noun), 1139 δαιμονιζομαι (verb)

~ English “demon,” μον → mon

= fallen angels who followed Satan in his rebellion  
(25:41 “the devil διαβολος **and his angels**”)

All other 19 instances of “devil” in Matthew

# Opposing Forces, 22-24



# 12:25 And Jesus knew their thoughts...

Other examples:

Matt. 9:2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus **seeing their faith** said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. 3 And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This *man* blasphemeth. 4 And Jesus **knowing [seeing] their thoughts** said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?

Matt. 16:7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, *It is* because we have taken no bread. 8 *Which* when Jesus **perceived**, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?

A sign of his deity:

1Sa 16:7 for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but **the LORD looketh on the heart.**

# Two Chiastic Arguments

25b-30, From the nature of the miracle

<i>A divided kingdom cannot stand</i>	25b-26, Satan's kingdom cannot stand divided	30, Christ's kingdom is not divided
<i>Casting out demons shows God's power</i>	27 Jewish exorcists	28-29 "the kingdom of God is come unto you"

31-37, From the nature of their speech

<i>Its content</i>	31-32, blasphemy against the Holy Spirit	36, idle words
<i>Its source</i>	33, tree and fruit; 34, snakes and their spawn; 35, heart and words	

37, Summary: judged by your speech

# Many Exorcisms

Matt. 4:24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were **possessed with devils**, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

Matt. 8:16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were **possessed with devils**: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word,

Matt. 8:28-29 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two **possessed with devils**, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. 29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

Matt. 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, **cast out devils**:

Matt. 15:22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a **devil**. ... 28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great *is* thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Matt. 17:18 And Jesus rebuked the **devil**; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

# Victory of the Kingdom of God

Jewish exorcists:

Acts 19:13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

Overcoming the Strong Man:

Isa. 49:24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? 25 But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.



# For and Against

Mark 9:38-40	Matt 12:22-37
9:38 And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw <b>one casting out devils</b> in thy name,	12:22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a <b>devil</b> , blind, and dumb: and <b>he healed him</b> , insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.
and he followeth not us: and <b>we forbad him</b> , because he followeth not us.	24 But when the Pharisees heard <i>it</i> , they said, <b>This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.</b>
39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. 40 <b>For he that is not against us is on our part.</b>	30 <b>He that is not with me is against me;</b> and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

[Gamaliel:] Acts 5:38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: 39 But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

[Paul:] Phil. 1:15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: 16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: 17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel. 18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.