

# Treasure Hunt

- Why has Matthew collected the stories of ch. 12 at this point in his book?
- Why does Matthew refer to the synagogue as “their synagogue”?
- What two motives can people have in asking questions?
- What was the motive of the Pharisees in their question?
- Why does the Lord tell a story about a man with only one sheep?
- What difference in attitude do we see between the Pharisees’ question and our Lord’s answer?
- How is the healing of the man a picture of our salvation?
- How does the Lord respond to the opposition of the Pharisees?

# 4:18-11:30 Preparation of the Disciples

Calling Disciples	4:18-22 the Four		9:36-10:4 the Twelve		11:2-30 Broader Invitation (v. 28)
Summary	4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, <b>teaching</b> in their synagogues, and <b>preaching</b> the gospel of the kingdom, and <b>healing</b> all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.		9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, <b>teaching</b> in their synagogues, and <b>preaching</b> the gospel of the kingdom, and <b>healing</b> every sickness and every disease among the people.		Mat 11:1 And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to <b>teach</b> and to <b>preach</b> in their cities.
Detail	ch. 5-7 Content for <b>Teaching</b>		ch. 8-9 Examples of <b>Healing</b>		10:5-42 Exhortations for <b>Preaching</b>

# 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

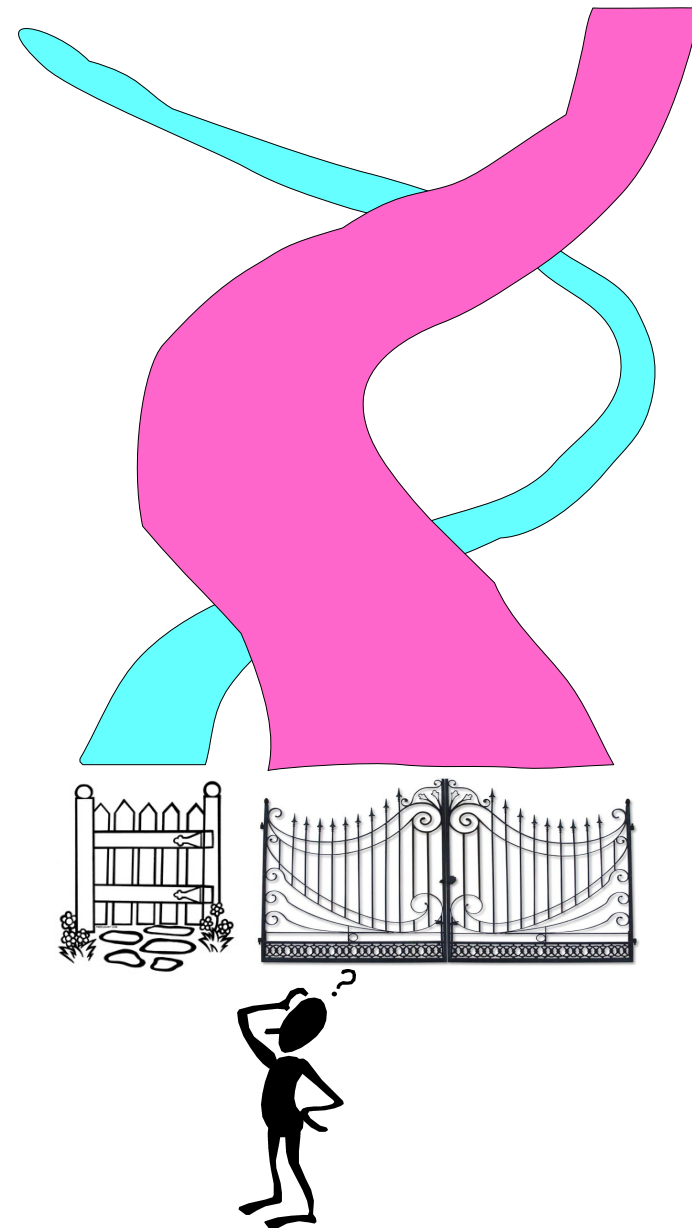
50 For **whosoever shall do the will of my Father** which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

# The Two Gates and Two Ways

Matt. 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Life

Destruction



# A History of Opposition

Matt. 12:10 And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? **that they might accuse him.**

Matt. 9:10 And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto his disciples, **Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?** 12 But when Jesus heard *that*, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. 13 But go ye and learn what *that* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Matt. 9:32 As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. 33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. 34 **But the Pharisees said,** He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.

# Commanding the Impossible

Matt. 9:6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the **palsy**,) **Arise, take up thy bed**, and go unto thine house.

Jn. 5:7 The **impotent** man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. 8 Jesus saith unto him, **Rise, take up thy bed, and walk**. 9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked:

2 Cor. 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath **blinded** the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, **hath shined in our hearts**, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.