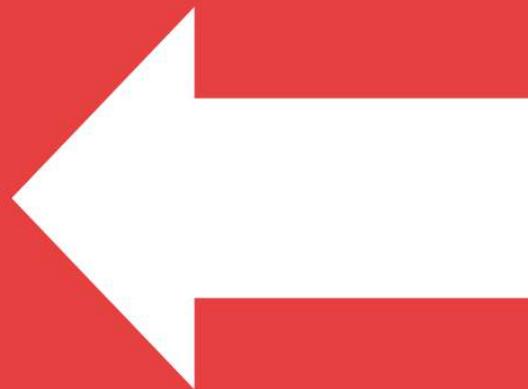


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Matthew 12:22 – 30



²²Then a demon-possessed man, who was blind and couldn't speak, was brought to Jesus. He healed the man so that he could both speak and see. ²³The crowd was amazed and asked, “Could it be that Jesus is the Son of David, the Messiah?”

Matthew 12:22 – 30



²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard about the miracle, they said, “No wonder he can cast out demons. He gets his power from Satan, the prince of demons.”

Matthew 12:22 – 30



²⁵ Jesus knew their thoughts and replied, “Any kingdom divided by civil war is doomed. A town or family splintered by feuding will fall apart. ²⁶ And if Satan is casting out Satan, he is divided and fighting against himself. His own kingdom will not survive.

Matthew 12:22 – 30



²⁷ And if I am empowered by Satan, what about your own exorcists? They cast out demons, too, so they will condemn you for what you have said. ²⁸ But if I am casting out demons by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you.

Matthew 12:22 – 30



²⁹ For who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger—someone who could tie him up and then plunder his house.

Matthew 12:22 – 30



³⁰ “Anyone who isn’t with me opposes me, and anyone who isn’t working with me is actually working against me.

Jesus said:



If you're not “for” me, you are against me.

Jesus said:



If you're not working "with" me, you are actually working against me.

Revelation 2 & 3



They failed to guard against false teachers and teaching.

Lost their first love

Became mediocre