Mat 124

Fake healers and false witnesses can not stand against the true Messiah

Thanksgiving….Lord Supper

Mat 12:23 All the crowds were amazed, and were saying, “This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?”

[Mat 12:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/24/s_941024) But when the Pharisees heard *this,* they said, “This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons.”

[Mat 12:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/25/s_941025) And knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them, “Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself will not stand.

/[Mat 12:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/26/s_941026) “If Satan casts out Satan, **he is divided against himself**; how then will his kingdom stand? 27 “If I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? **For this reason they will be your judges**.\

[Mat 12:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/28/s_941028) “But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

[Mat 12:29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/29/s_941029) “Or how can anyone enter the strong man’s house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong *man?* And then he will plunder his house.

This is all addressing what I told you about in our last lesson…The Unpardonable Sin!

[Mat 12:30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/30/s_941030) “He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

[Mat 12:31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/31/s_941031) “Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven.

[Mat 12:32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/32/s_941032) “Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the *age* to come.

This directly speaking to not only the sin of unbelief but the belief that TLJC is demon possessed or Satan himself which as I told you several times before is the blasphemy against the HS. That is the historic term for what it means.

Let’s look at verse 26 & 27 on the board today.

TLJC is saying Satan can not divide his own kingdom it would not stand.

You have a lot in those two verses and we can tear them apart today;

/Mat 12:26 – Though Satan has the ability to create a scenario where a demon possessed person is healed, Satan can not use his own name & power to cast himself out of a person he is indwelling. There is power in unity and weakness in a double-minded or group set against itself, which is being highlighted by our Lord in Matt (12:26-29).\ REPEAT ELABORATE

In other words… a band of robbers fall apart when they rob themselves or turn themselves into the authorities.

Satan has a powerful force and he would strive for strength not weakness so keep that in mind.

Now Satan can and does have scenarios where he makes one of his demon’s posses an Unbel and then allows a fake healer to bring that demon out to give credit to a man or church but it is never done in the name of Satan.

/There is a satanic scenario established for thousands of years that uses god-like power and demon possession as a means to entice followers to fake healers, false teachers and deceptive ministries.

(Act 16:16-18, Act 19:18-19, Act 13:6-11)\

Turn to Acts chapter 13 with me….I’ll put Acts chapter 8 on the board as I know I covered this one many months ago in our Matthew series when I pointed out false teachers….doctrines of demons.

Acts chapter 8 has a very interesting lesson about this exact subject.

/Act 8:9 Now there was a man named Simon, **who formerly was practicing magic** in the city and astonishing the people of Samaria, claiming to be someone great;\

This was nothing new….fake healers and mystical men date back to the time of the early Egyptian Empire and further back to the time of satanic cult followers under the bloodline of Cain.

Those men and women who practice the dark arts which falls under satanic influence and demon possession.

/Act 8:10 and they all, from smallest to greatest, were giving attention to him, saying, **“This man is what is called the Great Power of God.”** 11 And **they were giving him attention** because he had for a **long time astonished them** with his **magic arts**.\

I covered this before but this is a good reminder that many have come forth throughout history that appear to be under the power of God…

performing signs, wonders and miracles yet they are under the wrong god!

Now in Acts chapter 13 we see this again;

This section of the book of Acts is the early portion of church history that shows Barnabas travelling & working with Paul before Paul was fully accepted as an Apostle of Christ.

By the way do you realize without Barnabas…. Paul may have never been accepted by the Christian Jews who were following the 11 Apostles?

Barnabas gets very little credit for all his work and support of the Apostle Paul.

Which I am probably going to do a lesson on him someday…just to focus on those who truly support the men of God and how important they are.

Paul is travelling through Cyprus on the eastern side.

Act 13:5 When they reached Salamis, they *began* to proclaim the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews; and they also had John as their helper.

(John Mark (young man)….gospel of Mark)

Notice they follow protocol and go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel first.

/[Act 13:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/act/13/6/s_1031006) When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they found a **magician**, a Jewish **false prophet** whose name was Bar-Jesus,\

PATH-US was on the western side.

They travelled & preached the gospel all over this Mediterranean island.

Bar-Jesus a term or name for son of Jesus or Joshua. YOU-SHOE -A

[Act 13:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/act/13/7/s_1031007) who was with the proconsul,(PRO-CON-SUL) Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence. This man summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.

This pro-con-sul is a respected military man…. a Roman deputy.

[Act 13:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/act/13/8/s_1031008) But Elymas (ILL-LUM-US) the magician (for so his name is translated) was opposing them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

(ARABIC WIZARD…sorcerer)

[Act 13:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/act/13/9/s_1031009) But Saul, who was also *known as* Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, fixed his gaze on him,

[Act 13:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/act/13/10/s_1031010) and said, “You who are full of all deceit and fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to make crooked the straight ways of the Lord?

[Act 13:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/act/13/11/s_1031011) “Now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and not see the sun for a time.” And immediately a mist and a darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking those who would lead him by the hand.

[Act 13:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/act/13/12/s_1031012) Then the proconsul believed when he saw what had happened, being amazed at the teaching of the Lord.

/Magician- (*magos*) *-* sorcerer, astrologer, magician or scientist, possibly of Babylonian descent.

False Prophet*-* (*pseudoprophētēs*)- one who utters false prophecy or uses divination (dark magic) for false predictions or spells.\

MAG-US SUE-DA-PRA-FAH-TESS

Remember King Solomon taught us there is nothing new under the sun?

Actually historically speaking whether we look back at early mankind or the year of our Lord 2019 we still have magicians and dark arts…false teachers and false prophets….fake healers and miracle workers.

/Exo 7:11 Then Pharaoh also called for ***the* wise men and *the* sorcerers, and they also, the magicians** of Egypt, did the same **with their secret arts**. 12 For each one threw down his staff and they turned into serpents. But Aaron’s staff swallowed up their staffs.\

I never put God in a box.

I believe occasionally something happens miraculously at a church or under a true Christian teacher but my personal guess is that out of every thousand miracles or healings that happen perhaps ONE is truly from God.

REPEAT

I’m talking about all the revival meetings and preachers world wide over the years a tiny…..tiny percent are actually touched by God in that moment.

Almost all of them are emotional nonsense and smoke and mirrors.

Again, I suggest you back track to my old messages on healings, signs and wonders I cover this pretty extensively back in those lessons.

The truth is….Satan and his demonic military have a great deal of power and authority right now!

/2Th 2:7 For the **mystery of lawlessness is already at work**; only he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way. 8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;\

He is already hard at work.

This is not the age of prophecy or miracles… signs and wonders this is the CA which means BD….mystery doctrine is the key component and yet people are searching for just the opposite.

**/**[2Th 2:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2th/2/9/s_1118009) *that is,* the one whose coming is in accord **with the activity of Satan**, with all **power** and **signs** and **false wonders**,\

The completed canon of SCRIPTURE is the key power source designed for CA.

As we get ready to close today look a 2Timothy chapter 3.

My warning is to stay clear of emotional teaching.

Miracles, tongues…signs, wonders and prophecy have all been put in scripture for us to read and study not sit around expecting that when we enter into a church or a Bible study, magic shows will ensue. REPEAT

Look what the Apostle Paul said while training Timothy….this was his warning about what was happening and more so what would be happening in the future.

2Ti 3:2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,

[2Ti 3:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/3/3/s_1128003) unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good,

[2Ti 3:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/3/4/s_1128004) treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

/[2Ti 3:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/3/5/s_1128005) **holding to a form of godliness**, although they have denied its power; **Avoid such men** as these.

Lacking filling of HS…emotions run their spiritual life!\

This means they never fully understood the filling power of God the HS and also it points to those who claim to be Christian just running off sheer emotions, not true Bels.

It also carries a connotation of false doctrine…doctrines of demons.

It is clear to avoid such men as these… those who promote or teach this type of emotional doctrine or false teachings.

/[2Ti 3:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/3/6/s_1128006) For **among them** are those who enter into households and **captivate weak women** weighed down with sins, led on by **various impulses**,\

The terminology that Paul uses is a reference to anyone…male or female who is easily led astray by their emotions.

This is not just about weak or emotional women….it means men as well!

[2Ti 3:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/3/7/s_1128007) always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

[2Ti 3:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/2ti/3/8/s_1128008) Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these *men* also oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, rejected in regard to the faith.

Verse nine goes onto point out that God eventually gets around to exposing these types of false teachers….and in the end they will face judgment.

The truly sad part is the weak Bels and foolish Unbels who follow that emotional nonsense.

I really like how the Amplified Bible puts verse 7;

/Amp- 2Tim 3:7 (These weak women will listen to anybody who will teach them); they are forever inquiring and getting information, but are never able to arrive at a recognition and knowledge of the Truth.\

Amen to that! Because they never put the time and effort into a real study of the word of God.

ELABORATE

Now as we close go back into Matthew chapter 12 with me.

/Mat 12:27 “If I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do **your sons** cast *them* out? **For this reason they will be your judges**.

Jesus is reminding them of their bloodlines which they love to emphasize. The O.T. prophets who had spiritual gifts and miracles in their ministries. How do they explain that!!?\

What does TLJC do but refer back to the word…His word…His mind.

What about men like Moses, Daniel and Isaiah, or Jeremiah….Ezekiel and Elisha and other leaders and OT prophets who were given moments in time when God worked miracles thru them?

It is the word…. the truth of BD that judges us all.

As we come together in this Thanksgiving season let us never forget that TLJC walked among us to fulfill prophecy and stand in our place to face judgement for the sins of mankind.

That we have a sabbath and rest only in our union with Him.

That though He was rejected…ridiculed and beaten both physically and mentally He stayed the course for the joy set before Him in eternity past… which was us.

That His beaten body was represented by the bread that was broken and the blood was the spiritual death that we all would taste if not for the Cross at Calvary.

Because on the night He was so bitterly betrayed TLJC took the bread and broke and said this is my body which was broken for you….in remembrance of our Lord let us eat the bread.

He then lifted the cup and proclaimed this is my blood…the blood of a new and everlasting covenant that each time we eat this bread and drink this cup we are proclaiming TLJC until He returns let us drink the cup.

Let us pray.