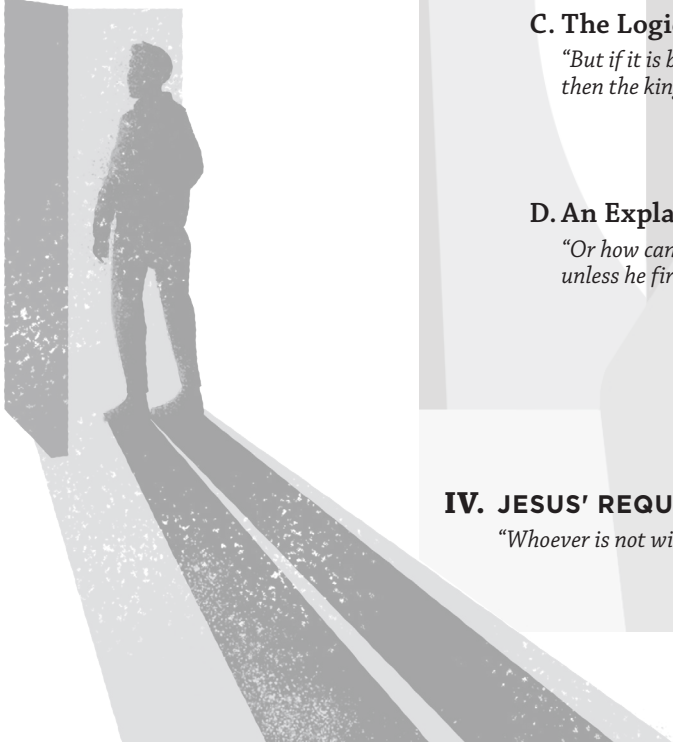


STANDING UP ... WITH JESUS

MATTHEW 12:22-30

STANDING UP
GOD'S HEART OF CONVICTION



I. A RESTORATION MIRACLE: _____ of Jesus' identity and ability

Then a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. v. 22

II. THE RESPONSES: _____ !

And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?" But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons." vv. 23-24

III. JESUS' REPLY: Your rejection is _____ !

A. General Principle

Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?" vv. 25-26

B. Their Example

"And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges." vv. 27

C. The Logical Alternative

"But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you." v. 28

D. An Explanatory Analogy

"Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house." v. 29

IV. JESUS' REQUEST: Stand _____ me

"Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters." v. 30

1. How have you seen good and evil portrayed as *opposite but equal* forces in popular media and culture? How does this view give more power to Satan than he actually has, according to the Bible?

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

I'M NOT ANGRY, I'M JUST ... Have you ever said, "I'm not angry, I'm just ... irritated ... tired of this ... having a hard time letting this go ... discouraged ..." How do you end that sentence? The presence of anger is deceptive but very real. When it's not dealt with, it's destructive. Join Ryan McCarthy for this two-week Soul Care class starting today at 9 a.m. in The Den to discover the biblical truths that set you free from the grip of anger.

KIDSCAMP TO GO KidsCamp is the best week of the summer where kids Grade 1-4 learn all about the gospel with crazy games, rock concert sing-alongs, funny skits and Bible lessons with a small group of kids their age. This year you can take the fun to your backyard! KidsCamp To Go is an outreach opportunity to host your own KidsCamp at home. When you sign up, you'll get a box with all supplies and teaching materials included. Learn more at ccbcfamily.org/events.

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WOMEN IN THE WORD: HEART OF THE HOME Some might say the kitchen, the family room or the back porch is the heart of the home. But *who* is the heart of the home? This summer we'll enter five homes Jesus visits and watch what happens when He is the heart in each one. Join Women in the Word this summer and be inspired to welcome Jesus as the heart of your own home. Join us Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the Oak Room. Register at ccbcfamily.org/events.

BAND OF BROTHERS: LIFE AND GODLINESS Band of Brothers is a time for men of all ages to come together to study God's Word. This summer we take a step into 2 Peter. Decisions are at every turn, but so are the lies that distract us from our purpose. Discover how a man of God stays faithful in the face of falsehood. Join us on Thursdays at either 6:30 a.m. or 7 p.m., or Sundays at 7 p.m. Learn more and register today at ccbcfamily.org/events.

LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

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2. Read Matthew 12:22-30. What reaction did the Pharisees have to this miracle, and how did Jesus show their argument to be illogical?

3. Jesus clearly stated here that every person must make a decision. What sort of decision is this? What criteria did Jesus give for determining who supported or opposed Him?

4. How have you seen people try to be neutral about Jesus? Why is this stance impossible?

5. How does the way you live your life show the decision you've made about Jesus? Did this sermon cause you to be aware of any changes that you need to make?

FOR THIS WEEK

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

MATTHEW 12:30

"Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters."

JOURNAL:

Matthew 12:22-30

"There is no neutral ground as far as relationship to Jesus is concerned. He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters. It is not necessary to oppose Christ in order to be against Him; it is only necessary not to be with Him. Nor is it necessary to actively interfere with His work in order to be one who scatters; it is only necessary to not gather with Him. The person who does not belong to God is the enemy of God (Rom 5:10); the person who is not a child of God through Christ is a rebel against God. There are only two possible relationships to Jesus Christ, and therefore to God: with or against. It is both spiritually and rationally impossible to accept Jesus as a kind man, a good teacher, and a great man of God—and nothing more. Only God has the right to claim for Himself the honor and authority Jesus claimed for Himself; and only God has the power over disease, sin, demons, Satan, and death that Jesus both claimed and demonstrated."

JOHN MACARTHUR

JOURNAL Matthew 12:22-30

Take some time to meditate on verse 30, writing about ways you sense the Holy Spirit prompting you to stand with Jesus.