



# The Book of Matthew:

## Rejecting Jesus, Matthew 12:22-37

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

23. All the crowds were amazed, and were saying, "This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?"

24. But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons."

25. 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.

26. 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.

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

29. 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.

30. He who is not **with** Me is **against** Me; and  
he who does not **gather** with Me **scatters**.

31. “Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit **shall not be forgiven.**

32. 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.**

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33. “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for **the tree is known by its fruit.**”

34. You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.

35. The **good man** brings out of his good treasure what is good; and the **evil man** brings out of his evil treasure what is evil.

36. But I tell you that **every careless word** that people speak, they shall give an **accounting** for it in the day of judgment.

37. For by your words you will be **justified**, and by your words you will be **condemned.**”



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