**Matthew 12**

1. **The Messiah’s Defense (verses 1-8)**
   1. Charges from the Pharisees
   2. Jesus’s reply
   3. “The Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath”
2. **Healing on the Sabbath (verses 9-13).**
   1. The yoke of Christ vs. the religious burden instituted by the religious establishment of the time
   2. Jesus heals on the Sabbath
3. **The attitudes surrounding Christ (verses 14-21).** 
   1. The Pharisees plotted against Him
   2. Many followed Him and He healed them
   3. Jesus silenced the crowd
   4. Prophecy fulfilled by Christ
4. **The defense of Christ (verses 22-30).**
   1. Jesus’s miracles provide proof that He is of God.
      1. The people hoped that HE was the Messiah
      2. The Pharisees accused Jesus of casting out demons through Beelzebub
   2. Jesus provides a logical defense of Himself
      1. A kingdom divided cannot stand
      2. Satan’s kingdom cannot stand if it is divided
   3. To deny Him is illogical
   4. A strong man must be bound before his property can be taken
   5. There is no middle ground on Christ, we are either for Him or we are against Him.
5. **The unpardonable sin (verses 31-32)**
6. **A tree is known by its fruit (verses 33-37)**
7. **A wicked generation seeks after a sign (verses 38-45)**
8. **Jesus’s family sends for Him (verses 46-50)**
   1. Jesus was misunderstood by His family
   2. Jesus valued His spiritual family more so than His physical one.
      1. Luke 14:26-27
      2. James 1:1; Jude 1