

## By the Spirit of God

### Matthew 12:22-37

#### Key Verse: 28

1. What work of God happened to the demon-possessed man? (22) What conclusion were the people led to? (23) How did Jesus' healing ministry demonstrate his work as the Messiah? (Isa 42:7; Mt 4:23; Mt 10:1,8) How did the Pharisees interpret Jesus' healing work? Why? (24; 2Co 4:4)
2. How did Jesus show their accusation was illogical? (25-27) What does "the kingdom of God has come upon you" mean? (28) What does the Holy Spirit do for us? Who are the strong man and the stronger man? (29)
3. Why should we be clear about our stand with Jesus? (30) What warning does Jesus give? What can be forgiven and not forgiven? (31-32) How do we blaspheme against the Spirit?
4. How are the tree and fruit related? (33) What was the Pharisees' problem? (34) How does our outward behaviour relate to our inner life? (35) What is the good we can store up in our hearts? How will we be condemned or acquitted? (36-37)