

Sermon Outline
“Jesus and the Holy Spirit”
Matthew 12:22-37

- I.** The miracle and the conflict vv. 22-24
A demon causing blindness and deafness is cast out.
- The people’s response – this is Messiah! v. 23
II Sam 7:12ff; Is 11:1
- The Pharisees’ response – this is Satanic! v. 24
10:25; *cf.* 9:34
- II.** The Discourse, Part One vv. 25-30
- A** A kingdom divided v. 25
- B** Satan against his own kingdom v. 26
- C** Jesus against the Pharisees v. 27
- B¹** Jesus establishes God’s kingdom v. 28 (*cf.* v 18)
- A¹** A kingdom divided vv. 29-30
- III.** The Discourse, Part Two vv. 31-37
- A** Words of blasphemy vv. 31-32
- B** The illustration of the trees v. 33
- C** The heart and the mouth v. 34
- B¹** The illustration of men v. 35
- A¹** Words tested and accounted for vv. 36-37 (*cf.* Rom 10:8-10)
- IV.** Setting aside two myths
- The myth of “binding the strong man.”
Jesus has already despoiled Satan’s house.
- The myth of “blaspheming the Holy Spirit.”
The Pharisees attributed God’s redemptive work to Satan.