

Formed questions on Matthew 12:9- 13:23

Chapter 12: 9-30 Episode 16

Theme: The importance of Unity through true Authority

Review: Jesus calls for people to follow His authority to take His yoke (Kingdom of Love) and to have rest for their souls. This is met with accusations from the Pharisees.

Narrative continued..

1) What kind of synagogue did Jesus enter into in Verse 9 according to Michael Barber? And how many kinds of synagogues were there in Jesus's day?

2) Who did Jesus heal in the synagogue that day and what reason did He give for this Healing?

3. By what manner did Jesus heal him? Why is this important to our life as we follow Him?

4) In I Kings 13:1-10 King Jeroboam's hand became withered when confronted with sacrificing the 2 golden calves from a prophet? Why is this significant in regards to Jesus healing the man's hand in Matthew according to Tim Gray?

5) Verse 14 states, "The Pharisees went out and took counsel against Jesus." What was hypocritical about this action they took?

6) Why did Jesus withdraw from the Pharisees in verse 15?

7) What did the people do when He left, and what happened to them. What Prophet had foretold of this action?

8) When the people saw the demoniac healed, How did they respond and why?

9) What Old Testament King could have been known among the Jews who performed exorcisms?

10) How is Jesus's Kingdom different from Solomon's Kingdom?

11) What was Jesus's response to the Pharisee's accusation that He was casting out demon's by Satan's power?

7) Why did the Pharisee's ask for a sign?

8) What does Jesus mean by only the "Sign of Jonah" will be given?

9) What phrase is stated three times by Jesus to point to His true authority and Kingship throughout chapter 12?

10) What can we learn from Jesus's telling the story of the unclean spirit returning to a cleaned up and **empty** house?

11) According to vs 50, Who is Jesus's mother and His true brethern?

Chapter 13:1-23 Episode 18

Theme: Understanding the Kingdom of Heaven

Discourse

1) What is the significance of Jesus going **out** of the house in Capernum, initially and then later **in** the house when he explains the parables to His disciples in verses, 13:1 and 1:36? And in whose house do they go into?

2) What reason does Jesus give in Matthew 13:10-16 for using parables?

3) Who is the sower and who is the seed in verses 3-8?

4) What reason does Jesus give for the birds to easily pick up and to snatch up the seeds sown along the Path? What is the key word that Michael Barber emphasizes in Jesus's explanation to His disciples?

5) What can be done to increase our understanding to follow and to continue our walk with our Lord from this explanation?

6) What does CCC 2707 also say in this matter?

7) What is needed to keep the seeds rooted in the soil after receiving the seeds with joy in the rocky ground?

8) What are the thorns that choke out the seeds' growth in verse 22? What can be done to prevent this from happening?

9) The seed sown in the good soil abundantly grows and bears much fruit. How is that soil prepared and how is it maintained in our own life? Can the Church help to nurture that soil as well?

10) As Dominicans, what is our challenge according to chapters 12-13:23?

