



Introduction

Opposition from the religious leaders.



Questions

1. What did Jesus say was lawful to do on the Sabbath?
2. What type of blasphemy will not be forgiven?
3. How does Jesus say we can tell if we are good or evil?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 8** The Pharisees accuse Jesus' disciples of breaking the Sabbath law. Jesus replies by saying that king David broke the law and the priests work on the Sabbath. Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath
- **v 9 to 14** Jesus heals a man with a withered hand, after reminding the Pharisees that they would pull a sheep out of a pit on the Sabbath. The Pharisees plot to kill Jesus
- **v 15 to 21** Jesus heals many more and tells them to keep quiet about it. His gentle approach fulfills Isaiah's prediction
- **v 22 to 29** The Pharisees say that Jesus healed a blind mute man by the prince of demons. Jesus says using God's Spirit (see theme) to heal supports his message about God's Kingdom
- **v 30 to 32** Jesus says that speaking against him can be forgiven, but speaking against God's Spirit will not be forgiven
- **v 33 to 37** Jesus says that our words indicate whether we are good or evil
- **v 38 to 42** Jesus replies to the Pharisees' request for a sign by saying the sign for them will be when he is 3 days and nights in the heart of the earth
- **v 43 to 45** Jesus comments that if evil in a person is not replaced with good, then the end result is even more evil
- **v 46 to 50** Jesus shows that those who do God's will are regarded as his mother, brothers and sisters

Timeline AD 30 (see below)



Theme

The Holy Spirit is God's power

All through the Bible we see examples of God using his Spirit power to achieve all his purposes.

By his Spirit, God created and sustains all things:

Genesis 1 verses 1 and 2

Job 33 verse 4, 34 verses 14 and 15

Week 17 Day 5 Matthew 12 Understand your Bible reading plan



God is everywhere present by his Spirit:

Psalm 139 verses 1 to 12

By his Spirit God gave us his message in the Bible:

2 Peter 1 verses 20 and 21

Micah 3 verse 8

By his Spirit God caused Jesus Christ to be born:

Luke 1 verse 35

The disciples of Jesus Christ were promised special powers to help them in their preaching:

Luke 24 verse 49

God used the Holy Spirit to guide the apostles:

Acts 16 verses 6 and 7

Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 12, Q 2: v 31, Q 3: v 34 and 35



Bible timeline

