

**Matthew**  
*Gail Arterburn –2022*

Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am  
To be discussed –04/27/26

Matthew - Lesson 16  
Matthew 12:22-50

Note: In verse 15, Matthew said Jesus withdrew from that place where he had confronted the Pharisees about the Sabbath and had healed a man with a crippled hand. The events of vv. 22-24 took place sometime later in a different place.

1. Read Matthew 12:22-24. How did the people and the Pharisees respond to the healing of this man?
2. Again, he encountered opposition from the Pharisees. How did Jesus respond to their accusations?
  - Verses 25-26
  - Verses 27-28
  - Verse 29
3. According to v. 30, Is it possible to be neutral about Jesus? Why or why not?
4. Read Matthew 12:31-32. These are difficult verses. In the immediate context, what was the blasphemy against the Spirit? In contemporary terms, who is guilty of such sin today? Why would it not be forgiven? How would you explain v. 32?
5. Read Matthew 12:33-37. What do our words reflect? (v. 34) How seriously does God take what we say?
6. Read Matthew 12:38-42. In this section Jesus once again argues from the lesser to the greater. What was the sign of Jonah? Why would the men of Nineveh stand in judgment against “this generation and condemn it?” Who was greater than Jonah? (vv. 38-42)
7. Why would the Queen of the South (Queen of Sheba, 1 Kings 10:1-13) also rise at the judgment of “this generation and condemn it?” Who was greater than Solomon? (v. 42)
8. Read Matthew 12:43-45. What is the warning in these verses? Why is commitment to Jesus essential and neutrality impossible? (v. 30 also)
9. Read Matthew 12:46-50. On the surface it appears that Jesus is being unkind to his own family, which cannot be the case. What is he teaching his disciples?