

JESUS AND THE SPIRIT: THE RULE OF GOD

Matthew 12:22-37

- I. Prayer
- II. Review
- III. Words and Deeds
 - A. Start with... a miracle
 - B. Words of the Crowd
 - C. Words of the Pharisees
 - D. Jesus responds
 - 1. That makes no sense
 - 2. Other exorcisms
 - 3. By the Spirit the Kingdom of God has come
- IV. What does Sinning against the Spirit *not* mean?
 - A. Having a very specific motivation or inner disposition.
- V. Forgivable and unforgiveable in context
 - A. Start with hyperbole
 - B. To Speak Against the Spirit
- VI. From the heart through the mouth
 - A. What is the fruit?
 - B. The mouth
- VII. How do our agendas cloud us to the work of God?
 - A. What do our mouths confess?
 - B. How reflective is that of our hearts?
 - C. Repentance is perhaps the most telling fruit of the encounter(s) with Jesus. Why? To what degree does that fruit come forth in us?
- VIII. Prayer
 - B. *Christians who have fallen away.*