

# Lesson Guide 24 – The Life of Jesus

## (Blind-Mute Demonic Healed/Pharisees Hypocrisy)

### Matthew 12:22-50, Mark 3:20-35, Luke 11:14-54

Pre-class Activity – Class Starter Worksheet (Brainercise Answer: Letter “E”, Who Am I: Jacob)

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#### Prayer Requests

- Praise
- Thanksgiving
- Concern
- Grow up to be like Jesus

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#### Blind-Mute Demonic Man Healed

- A man is brought to Jesus who could not see and could not speak which was caused by the man being demon-possessed.
- Jesus heals the man so he could both talk and see.
- The people were astonished but the Pharisees said that it was only by Beelzebub or Satan that Jesus was able to drive out demons.

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The Gospel of Matthew and Luke use Beelzebub and Satan interchangeably.

- Jesus knew their thoughts and says that no kingdom, city, or household divided against itself will stand.

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#### Woes to the Pharisees and Teachers of the Law

- Jesus is invited to the home of an unnamed Pharisee. The Pharisee noticed that Jesus did not wash before the meal. It was tradition to wash your hands before eating.
- Jesus says the Pharisees were focused on looking religious on the outside for other people to see, but on the inside they were greed and wickedness.
- Jesus says Pharisees gave more importance to legalistic righteousness and neglected matters such as justice and love of God.
- Pharisees loved praise and respect from men more than from God.
- Jesus tells the Pharisees they are like unmarked graves, full of death.
- Jesus includes the experts in the law. He says they loaded people down with burdens (religious demands) but wouldn't lift a finger to ease their burdens.
- The experts in the law claimed to honor the prophets but it was their very ancestors who killed them.
- Jesus says the experts of the law had taken away the keys to knowledge and were hindering people seeking God and His wisdom.
- Because of Jesus' rebuke the Pharisees and experts of the law opposed Jesus and looked for ways to kill him.

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#### Discussion Question

**Are you sometimes more concerned about what other people think about you than what God thinks about you and pursuing His righteousness?**

*Circled numbers correspond to Presentation Slides*