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**Don’t Get it Twisted!**

Matthew‬

**Key Truth**: There are many things that are accredited to the devil but the one that cannot be is the work of the Holy Spirit.

**The Pharisees Accusation About Jesus:**

1. Jesus was accused of operating through the power of Satan.

2. Pharisees were guilty of giving credit to Satan.

 A. Their goal was not about truth; it was to discredit Jesus.

 B. They chose lies over submission to the Power of the Holy

 Spirit.

 C. They developed a pattern of rejection.

**Jesus Uses Logic To School The Pharisees:**

1. A divided kingdom serves no purpose.Matt 12:25-26

2. Jesus reminds them of His power and authority Matt 12:28-29

**Jesus Advises Us To Pick A Side:**

1. Choosing a side requires research of your champion.

 Acts 17:10-12

2. There’s a battle and your soul is at stake. Luke 22:31, Job 1:6-12 (Ref)

3. We get the ultimate prize for choosing the victor. 2 Timothy 4:7-8

**Jesus Is Still In The Business Of Forgiveness:**

1. No sin is unforgivable except those who reject Jesus Matt.12:32

2. Repentance leads to abundant life.Isaiah 55:7

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Live your life as proof that the Holy Spirit lives in you and works through you. Give God the glory for what He has done, what He continues to do in your life.

**Connection Group Homework:**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

In competitive sports like football, what is the purpose of “trash talk?”

What is the goal of people “talking trash?” What are they hoping to accomplish?

How might the player’s words have power during the game?

Read: Matthew 12:22-24: What did the people ask, and how did the Pharisees shut down any discussion of Jesus being the Messiah?

Ironically, the Pharisees resembled the demon Jesus cast out. How were they trying to blind the people to the truth and mute the voices of those saying Jesus was the Messiah?

Read Matthew 12:28-32: What did Jesus declare in verse 28 about the source of His power and the kingdom of God?

How can the truths of verses 29-30 impact our lives as Christians?

Read Matthew 12:30: How did Jesus’ conclusion draw a line in the sand?