

Questions On Matthew Chapter 12

1. Verses 1-8 of this chapter are frequently misused by those who teach situation ethics. (Situation ethics is the philosophy / doctrine that the “situation” is what determines right from wrong.) Even many Christians fail to understand this passage. **What does Jesus actually teach in this passage about law and liberty?**
 - a. Who claimed that it was “unlawful” for the disciples of Jesus to eat the heads of grain? (v. 2)
 - b. In verse 7, Jesus said that the pharisees had actually condemned the _____.
 - c. What two examples did Jesus cite from the Old Testament?
 - d. According to Mark 2:27, was man made for the Sabbath or was the Sabbath made for man?
 - e. As for working on the Sabbath, according to Luke 13:15; Luke 14:5 and Matthew 12:11, what did the Jews typically do for their oxen, donkeys and sheep on the Sabbath?
 - f. The main lesson from this passage is NOT that it was lawful to do evil on the Sabbath but that it that it was lawful to do _____ on the Sabbath (Matthew 12:12).
 - g. Jesus was _____ than the Temple (v. 6) and He was also the Lord of the _____ (v. 8).
2. According to Jesus in verse 12, are humans and animals of equal value?

3. As quoted by Matthew in verses 18-20, how had Isaiah described the general behavior and demeanor of Jesus?
4. After witnessing the miraculous curing of the demon-possessed blind and mute man, the pharisees charged Jesus with casting out devils by what authority or power? (24)
 - a. What argument did Jesus make against their accusation in verses 25-26?
 - b. As He did with David in verses 3 & 4, Jesus made an *ad hominem* argument in verse 27. What is an *ad hominem* argument?
 - c. What argument did Jesus make in verse 29?
5. We just read about people denying a miracle that they had plainly witnessed. With this context in mind, what was the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit of verse 31?
6. The mouth speaks out of the abundance of the _____ (v. 34).
7. According to verses 36 & 37, just how important are our words?
8. What did some of the scribes and pharisees wish to see from Jesus? What was the only one that He would show them? (vs. 38-40)
9. What was Jesus' point about Nineveh and the queen of the south?
10. What lesson can we learn from the story of the return of the unclean spirit? (vs. 43-45)
11. What was Jesus' point in asking who His mother and brothers were?