

## A Man with a Withered Hand

1 [For ver. 1-6, see Matt. 12:9-14; Luke 6:6-11] Again [ch. 1:29] he entered the synagogue, and a **man** was there with a withered hand. 2And [Luke 14:1; 20:20; [Luke 11:54; John 8:6]] **they** watched **Jesus**, [3:2 Greek *him*] to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. 3And he said to the man with the withered hand, **“Come here.”** 4And he said to them, [Luke 14:3] **“Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?”** But they were silent. 5And he [ver. 34; ch. 5:32; 10:23; [ch. 10:21]] looked around at them with anger, grieved at [ch. 6:52; Rom. 11:25; Eph. 4:18] their hardness of heart, and said to the man, **“Stretch out your hand.”** [1 Kgs. 13:4] He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. 6 [See Matt. 12:14] The Pharisees went out and immediately [See Matt. 12:14] held counsel with [ch. 12:13; Matt. 22:16; [ch. 8:15]] the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

- **Jesus – The center of the story, He holds the power to heal, condemn, or to do nothing.**
- **“They” – the people who witnessed, the audience, probably mostly Pharisees.**
  - **These people were not there to even consider Jesus’s actions, but only to find a mistake or fault in Him.**
  - **Hopefully none of us are people who are looking to tear down the faith.**
- **The Man – the pawn in the Pharisees’ chess game, but an individual that Jesus cared for.**
  - **He can represent us. We have no power to “fix” or “heal” ourselves.**

- We are fully relying on Jesus, and Jesus alone to make us well.
- Jesus was angry when the people watching cared more about their power and their beliefs being right, than the people who needed help.
  - We cannot allow our religion to get in the way of helping people.
- We saw last week that the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.
  - Jesus used TODAY to do good, and so should we.
- The Pharisees went with the Herodians, which were the Greek Jews who wanted the new kings to be from the line of Herod to rule Israel, not the line of David nor the Romans.
  - They planned to get rid of Jesus, by either destroying his reputation or killing him.

## A Great Crowd Follows Jesus

7 [Matt. 12:15](#) Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and [Matt. 4:25](#), [Luke 6:17](#) a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea [and Jerusalem](#) and [Isa. 34:5; Ezek. 35:15](#) Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around [See Matt. 11:21](#) Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. 9 And he told his disciples to [ch. 6:32, 45 \(Gk.\); 8:10 \(Gk.\)](#) have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they [ch. 5:24,](#) [31](#) crush him, 10 for [See Matt. 4:23](#) he had healed many, so that all who had [ch. 5:29, 34](#) diseases pressed around him [ch. 6:56; Matt. 9:20, 21; 14:36; Luke 6:19](#) to touch him. 11 [ch. 1:26, 34; Luke 4:41](#) And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they [Luke 8:28](#) fell down before him and cried out, "You are [See Matt.](#)

14:33 the Son of God.” 12And [See Matt. 12:16] he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

- **Jesus never sought large crowds, the crowds sought him**
  - **He never sent the disciples out to find more people to follow him**
  - **We actually see Jesus telling people how hard it will be for them if they follow him.**
- **Notice the unclean spirits wanted to cry out that He was the Son of God.**
  - **Why did Jesus command them to be silent?**
  - **Because we should never trust demons, evil spirits, or satan to tell us truths about Jesus or God.**
  - **Jesus did not need nor want the affirmation of Satan.**
  - **We need to be sure to never look to or listen to them, because they can't be trusted.**

### The Twelve Apostles

13 [Matt. 10:1; Luke 6:12, 13; [ch. 6:7-13; Luke 9:1, 2]] And he went up on the mountain and called to him those [John 13:18; 15:16, 19] whom he desired, and they came to him. 14 [See ver. 13 above] And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach 15 [See ver. 13 above] and have authority to cast out demons. 16He appointed the twelve: [For ver. 16-19, see Matt. 10:2-4; Luke 6:14-16; Acts 1:13] Simon (to whom [Matt. 16:18; John 1:42] he gave the name Peter); 17 [Matt. 4:21] James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); 18Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and [Matt. 9:9] Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of

Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, <sup>3:18 Greek *kananaios*,  
meaning *zealot*</sup> 19 and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

20 Then he went <sup>ch. 7:17; 9:28</sup> home, and the crowd gathered again, <sup>ch. 6:31</sup> so that they could not even eat. 21 <sup>[John 7:5]</sup> And when <sup>[ver. 31]</sup> his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He <sup>2 Cor. 5:13; [John 10:20; Acts 26:24]</sup> is out of his mind.”

- **It would appear that Jesus had more than 12 following him, but he only chose 12 to become disciples**
  - **Should the others have gotten mad and left because they were passed over?**
  - **No, and look closely,**
    - **Mark is not one of the 12 listed. Most likely he learned most of Jesus’s story later from Paul, Peter or Barnabas.**
- **He went home and crowds formed again, and they couldn’t eat**
  - **His family were concerned that Jesus had gone crazy**
  - **They were trying to get him out of the spotlight**
  - **Rome would be watching these crowds, the Religious leaders were already plotting, and they wanted to protect him.**

Blasphemy Against the Holy Spirit

22 And <sup>ch. 7:1; Matt. 15:1</sup> the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, <sup>Matt. 9:34; 12:24; Luke 11:15; [Matt. 10:25]; See John 7:20</sup> “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” 23 <sup>For</sup>

<sup>ver. 23-27, see Matt. 12:25-29; Luke 11:17-22</sup> And he called them to him and said to

them in parables, **“How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 And if a house is divided against**

itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end.27But [isa. 49:24] no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. [isa. 53:12] Then indeed he may plunder his house.

28 [For ver. 28-30, see Matt. 12:31, 32; [Luke 12:10; Heb. 6:4-6; 10:26; 1 John 5:16] “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, 29but whoever [Acts 7:51; Heb. 10:29] blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— 30for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

- **The scribes had made quite a trip to come down and declare that Jesus was in league with Satan and using a common plan to trick people.**
- **Or Beelzebul was planning to overthrow Satan and take over.**
- **Either Way Jesus found it absurd.**
  - **He was here to wage war against the power of sin and darkness for the souls of men.**
  - **If demonic powers were warring with themselves then they would fall.**
  - **But, Jesus was warring against them and the scribes were actually helping Satan by attacking Jesus.**
- **Jesus drove out demons with the Holy Spirit, to reject the power of the Holy Spirit to cast out demons, rejects the power of the Holy Spirit to bring salvation to men's souls.**
  - **Jesus warned these men to be very careful not to reject the power they were dependent on in order to have salvation.**

## Jesus' Mother and Brothers

31 For ver. 31-35, see Matt. 12:46-50; Luke 8:19-21 And his mother and his ch. 6:3;  
Matt. 13:55; John 2:12; 7:3, 5, 10; Acts 1:14; 1 Cor. 9:5; Gal. 1:19 brothers came, and  
standing outside they sent to him and called him. 32 And a crowd was sitting  
around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers 3:32 Other  
manuscripts add and your sisters are outside, seeking you." 33 And he answered  
them, "**Who are my mother and my brothers?**" 34 And ver. 5 looking about at  
those who sat around him, he said, "**Here are my mother and my  
brothers!** 35 [John 15:14; Heb. 2:11] **For whoever** Matt. 7:21; [Luke 11:28] **does the  
will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.**"

- **This is a hard truth to bear, but Jesus tried to show how our relationship is once we are saved.**
  - **We must accept our adoption into God's family**
  - **We can't be so focused on this world that we can't live in His will**
- **Jesus looked around and rightly assessed that his family were those doing God's will.**
  - **What about us?**
  - **Are we focused on God's will and His will alone?**
  - **Does God give us permission to neglect our families to do His will?**
    - **I don't think so, we are to care for widows and orphans, Jesus told the apostle John to care for his mother when he was dying, and there is quite a list beyond that.**
- **We are given a way to see if we are in God's family.**
  - **Are you doing God's will and surrounded by people doing the same?**