

Study Notes and Questions for Matthew Chapter Twelve

- On what basis did the Pharisees charge the disciple of Jesus with wrongdoing regarding obeying the Sabbath?
- Jesus declared His disciples to be “guiltless” (i.e. innocent) of any wrongdoing. On what basis did Jesus make this claim?
- What did Jesus mean when He said, “For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath”?
- How did Jesus expose the hearts of the Pharisees as caring more for their animals than they did hurting human beings?
- What does the reaction of the Pharisees tell us about their hearts when Jesus healed the man with the withered hand?
- Why did Jesus withdraw from the area after healing the man with the withered hand?
- Matthew quotes the OT more than any other Gospel author. What does his quotation of Isaiah chapter 42 tell us about Jesus?
- What were the people asking when they said, “Can this be the Son of David?”
- Why is the statement by the Pharisees in **verse 24** considered blasphemy against the Holy Spirit?
- How did Jesus respond to the Pharisee’s claim that He was operating through the power of Satan?
- Why did Jesus say that “An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign”?
- What is “the sign of the Prophet Jonah”?
- What point did Jesus make about the people of ancient Nineveh?
- How should we understand Jesus’ comments about His family in :46-50?