



"Christ's Power Not from Satan!"

We are celebrating Palm Sunday today...the day that Jesus rode triumphantly as King into Jerusalem!

- **Zechariah 9:9**
- **Matthew 21:1-10**
- But...before this event took place, not everyone believed that Jesus was who He said that He was! They thought that He was a liar and of Satan!

Luke 11:14-28

1. Jesus delivers a man from a demon!

- **Verse 14**
- The crowd was amazed! Jesus just healed a man by the power of God! The demon was gone, and it happened **RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEIR EYES!**
- This person was set **FREE!**
- **Jesus is the Miracle Worker!** The Gospels, tell of so many incredible things that He did!
- *But, it did not take long for the people to fight it and turn against Him!*

2. Jesus was accused of getting His power from Satan!

- **Verse 15** – Beelzebub or Satan.
- **Satan / Beelzebub** = "Baal, the prince" – the chief demon god of the Philistine city of Ekron.
- **Who was it that was accusing Jesus? The Israelites!** The hard hearted and hard headed people rejected the very Scriptures being fulfilled right in front of their eyes!
- **Baal-Zebub** = "lord of the flies" / storm god that brought decay and diseases.
- **Satan** = prince of demons (**Matthew 10:25, 12:24, Mark 3:22**)
- *So...they are saying that Jesus is Satan's instrument!*
- How is it that Jesus can do such good by healing someone, and then the people accuse Him of having Satan's power to do these things? **They have Satan in them!**

3. A sign from Heaven!

- **Verse 16**
- These people wanted Jesus to **PROVE** His authority by giving them a sign **FROM** Heaven. **A sign from Heaven** would have been a miraculous work of cosmological proportions! It

would be something like the rearranging of the constellations, or something far greater than the casting out of a demon, which they JUST WITNESSED!

- **Jesus nails them here! How?** They wanted a sign of astronomical proportions, but Jesus gave them sign straight from Scripture!!!!
- Let me say this this morning...**ALWAYS go back and use the Scriptures! ALWAYS!**
- **Jesus always went to "It Is Written!"** Whether it was temptation, marriage or falsely accused! (Luke 4, Matthew 19, here and so many other places and topics!)
- **Verse 17** – **"He knew their thoughts!"**
- **Verse 20** – Jesus tells them that what the Scripture tells about Himself actually is being fulfilled NOW!!!! **Right there in front of their eyes!** (They are blind because they DO NOT want to see!)

A. Verse 20 – **"by the power of God" = "the Finger of God!"**

- **"The Finger of God"** = **Exodus 8:19** the phony and false magicians of Egypt were forced to confess that Moses' miracles were genuine works of the real God, not mere trickery such as they always performed!
- **Jesus uses Scripture here** to make the same comparison between His casting out of demons and the true power of God with Moses and the miracles! **You Bet It's Real!!!**
- **Verse 17-18** – This was a jab from Jesus at the Jewish nation with their hard heartedness towards God! When the Jewish nation had fallen in Jeroboam's time era, Israel was still marked with all kinds of bitterness and internal strife and division amongst the Jews.
- **How sad of a day** it was when Jesus, the Messiah, that he Scriptures foretold is King, Savior, Lord...was rejected! (And they even saw it all with their OWN EYES!)
- **Verse 21** – **"a strong man"** = Satan
- **Verse 22** – **"until someone even stronger attacks and overpowers him, strips him of his weapons and carries off his belongings."** **Isaiah 53:12 / Colossians 2:15** JESUS!
- **Jesus has the power OVER Satan!** He does not have Satan's power! **Big difference!**
- It's really interesting, that when a demon leaves a human soul/body that it lived in, the person vacated by the power of darkness is then **TAKEN OVER by Christ!**
- Watch what Jesus does here in **verse 23** – **"Anyone who isn't with me opposes me, and anyone who isn't working with me is actually working against me."**
- **Verse 24-26** – **Jesus exposes the work** of the phony magician or exorcist. They are able to get the demon to leave, but the demon will then come back with **7 other stronger demons who move in!** (It's so much WORSE than the original demon)
- The **ONLY** way a demon leaves and does not return is when Jesus Christ's **POWER** delivers that person and Christ is invited in!

Closing: Verse 28 – **"But even more blessed are all who hear the Word and put it into practice."**

- Once again, the Bible shows to not pray to Mary at the beginning of this verse or hold her higher than the Word of God or anyone at that!
- What Jesus said to do is to obey the Word and put it into practice! (Just like our Water baptisms today!!!) Jesus is KING of KINGS and LORD of LORDS! **Happy Palm Sunday!!!**