

## JESUS IS STRONGER

Matthew 12.22-29

### GOD'S DESIRES AND GOD'S WISDOM

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Many people were seeing Jesus perform these miracles, but they still had their doubts and questions. This is most likely due to His unexpected demeanor and non-militaristic, servant-oriented approach. Remember, even John the Baptist's followers were sent by John to "double check" to see if He was the Messiah.

### AN ILLOGICAL CONCLUSION

The Pharisees, who had knowingly been hardening their hearts toward the truth, are now grasping for straws. They now claim that Jesus was a messenger of Satan and was casting out demons by the power of Satan. His answer shows them that their response is both illogical and hypocritical, since no other former miracles or works of God by other Jews ("sons") were declared as "from Beelebul (a.k.a., Satan)."

### THE KING IS HERE

Rather, Jesus points out that if He has shown authority over Satan, it's because He is not only stronger than Satan, but He has proven that to show unbridled authority over Satan, Satan must first be bound. Therefore, Jesus points out that He is truly stronger than he, because He has this ability because He has first bound the enemy.

John 1.1-5 // Colossians .13, 14

**Jesus didn't come to save us from something we wanted out of;  
He came to save us from something *He* wanted us out of.**



## NOTES:

### Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

### GIVING

**Gospel-centered generosity** is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give) or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

### KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classrooms for **newborns - 6<sup>th</sup> grade** and is passionately overseen by **Audra Napolitano**. Please visit [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids) to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders** worship with the adults and then head to their class for the rest of service.

Our **High School students** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at [hbarnes5@yahoo.com](mailto:hbarnes5@yahoo.com).

## SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

## EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

## SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Matthew 12:22-29**. What stuck out to you in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

On Sunday and through these verses we are reminded that one of the reasons Jesus has come is to prove His power over Satan. Explain how knowing, reminding yourself and believing this truth while being tempted gives you power or could give you power to battle against the enemies lies.

Read **Matthew 12:28**. Where does Jesus get His power to cast out the demons? Why is it so crucially important to know where this power comes from?

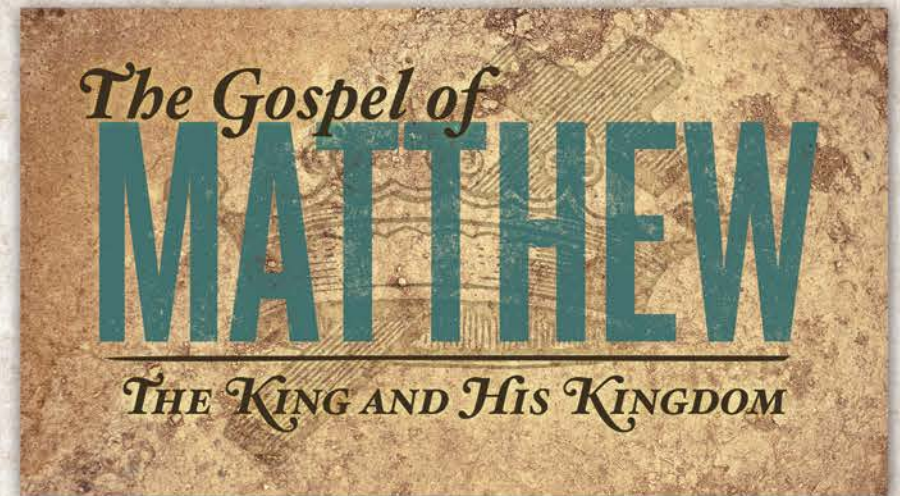
In **verse 25** Jesus says, "A Kingdom divided will not stand." Division in the Kingdom is never good. The church must be unified, aiming towards the same goals and motives. And even further, we are often divided in our own minds, wanting to serve Satan and our own flesh and desires as well as our God at the same time. This is when our "flesh" is warring against the "Spirit" within us and tempting us to sin. Read **Matthew 6:24, James 1:8** and **James 4:8**. Do you ever struggle with being "double minded" and wanting to serve two masters?

Read **Romans 8:11, 1 Corinthians 3:16** and **Ezekiel 36:27**. We have been given the same Spirit that was given to Jesus! Do you take advantage of this gift or often neglect it? What are some *specific and recent* examples in your own life of when you neglect it? What are of life could you use prayer and encouragement for in order for you to depend more on the Spirit, rather than your own flesh?

Remind yourself in both your time of abiding and when ending your **Community Group** of Jesus' power. Pray these verses into your mind and into your heart. Read aloud **John 1:3, Colossians 1:16-17, Hebrews 1:3, Isaiah 63:1**, for the "P" (Preach the Gospel) part of your prayer in both in your personal time of "abiding" and with your **Community Group**. When you pray, Preach this passage into your heart and into your mind! Next, confess and Repent of the sin of wanting to "serve" Satan but giving into the enemy's temptations. Ask the Holy Spirit who is with you to help empower you for Godly living. Pray that as His empowered "bruised reed", God would be glorified in your life. Last, end with Thanksgiving and Yield to His will.



Equipping a Gospel-Centered Community in the Word of God,  
To Live Out a Gospel-Centered Life Mission to the Glory of God.



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## 9AM & 11AM SERVICES

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