BELL/EBUB (the ruler of the demons)

M A T T H E W 12:22-30



THE CONTEMPT AGAINST JESUS Matthew 10:24, 25

Matthew 10:25, lessons for disciples

- 1. Be like our master (1 Jn. 2:6)
- 2. Know how to face opposition (Jn. 15;18-20; 1 Jn. 3:13)
- 3. Mind our place

Psalm 119:141,

'I *am* small and despised, *Yet* I do not forget Your precepts."



A NAME FOR SATAN Matthew 12:24, 26

*Baal-Zebub (2 Kin. 1:1, 2)



THE <u>RULER</u> OF THE DEMONS Matthew 12:24

EVENTS:

- 1. Casts out a demon 12:22
- 2. Charged as working with Beelzebub 12:24
- 3. Answered (12:25-27)
 - a) The logic of a divided kingdom divided?
 - b) By whom do your sons cast them out?



BOUND AND SUBDUED Matthew 12:28, 29

A PROBLEM THEN! Believing a miracle but NOT believing the MESSAGE of the miracle!

Exodus 4:1-9; Numbers 14:11

"Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did"

"But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him"

JOHN 2:23

JOHN 12:37

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What is the MESSAGE of the SIGN when Jesus drives out demons by the Spirit of God in the first century (Matt. 12:28, 29)?

Surely the KINGDOM OF GOD has come upon you!

The "strong man" (Beelzebub) is being bound by the STRONGER!

²⁰ "But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹ "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. ²² "But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils.

LUKE 11:20-22

To insist that demon possession still occurs *today*:

- 1. Is to refuse to read the message of the sign
- 2. Is to challenge the <u>coming</u> of the KINGDOM 2000 years ago
- 3. Is to deny the <u>strength</u> of the STRONGER ONE

"He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad"

MATTHEW 12:30