



**Come Follow Me 2023**  
**Mt 11-12; Lk 11**



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| Woman anoints Jesus                | Galilee  |          |         | 7:36–50      |      |                            |
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| Jesus' mother and brethren         | Galilee  | 12:46–50 | 3:31–35 | 8:19–21      |      |                            |
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| Witness of the Father                 |          |         |           |         |      |                                 |
| Sabbath controversies                 | Galilee  | 12:1–21 | 2:23–3:12 | 6:1–11  |      |                                 |
| Twelve called and ordained            | Galilee  | 10:1–4  | 3:13–19   | 6:12–16 |      | 1 Ne. 13:24–26, 39–41; D&C 95:4 |
| The Sermon on the Mount               | Galilee  | 5–7     |           | 6:17–49 |      |                                 |
| The poor in spirit                    | Galilee  | 5:3     |           | 6:20    |      | 3 Ne. 12:3                      |
| Those who mourn                       | Galilee  | 5:4     |           |         |      | 3 Ne. 12:4                      |
| The meek                              | Galilee  | 5:5     |           |         |      | 3 Ne. 12:5                      |
| Hunger and thirst after righteousness | Galilee  | 5:6     |           |         |      | 3 Ne. 12:6                      |
| The merciful                          | Galilee  | 5:7     |           |         |      | 3 Ne. 12:7                      |
| The pure in heart                     | Galilee  | 5:8     |           |         |      | 3 Ne. 12:8                      |

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Matthew 11

<sup>b</sup>more than me is not worthy of me: and he that <sup>c</sup>loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

38 And he that taketh not his <sup>a</sup>cross, and followeth after me, is not <sup>b</sup>worthy of me.

39 <sup>a</sup>He that findeth his life shall <sup>b</sup>lose it: and he that <sup>c</sup>loseth his <sup>d</sup>life for my sake shall find it.

40 ¶ He that <sup>a</sup>receiveth you <sup>b</sup>receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

41 He that <sup>a</sup>receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's <sup>b</sup>reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold *water* only in the <sup>a</sup>name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise <sup>b</sup>lose his reward.

## CHAPTER 11

*Jesus acclaims John as more than a prophet—The cities of Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum are rebuked for unbelief—The Son reveals the Father—The yoke of Christ is easy, and His burden is light.*

AND it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to <sup>a</sup>preach in their cities.

### Messengers from John the Baptist

2 Now when <sup>a</sup>John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

3 And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those <sup>a</sup>things which ye do hear and see:

5 The <sup>a</sup>blind receive their <sup>b</sup>sight, and the lame walk, the <sup>c</sup>lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the <sup>d</sup>poor have the gospel preached to them.

6 And blessed is *he*, whosoever shall not be <sup>a</sup>offended in me.

7 ¶ And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

8 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft *clothing* are in <sup>a</sup>kings' houses.

9 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a <sup>a</sup>prophet.

10 For this is *he*, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my <sup>a</sup>messenger before thy face, which shall <sup>b</sup>prepare thy way before thee.

11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of <sup>a</sup>women there hath not risen a greater than <sup>b</sup>John the Baptist: <sup>c</sup>notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and <sup>a</sup>the violent take it by force.

13 <sup>a</sup>For all the <sup>b</sup>prophets and the law <sup>c</sup>prophesied until John.

14 And if ye will receive *it*, this is <sup>a</sup>Elias, which was for to come.

15 He that hath ears to <sup>a</sup>hear, let him hear.

16 ¶ But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,

17 And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil.

19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and <sup>a</sup>a winebibber, a friend of <sup>b</sup>publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified <sup>c</sup>of her children.

20 ¶ Then began he to upbraid the <sup>a</sup>cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not:

21 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have <sup>a</sup>repented long ago in sackcloth and <sup>b</sup>ashes.

22 But I say unto you, It shall be more <sup>a</sup>tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.

23 And thou, Capernaum, which art <sup>a</sup>exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to <sup>b</sup>hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in

Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

24 But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of <sup>a</sup>Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

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24a Ezek. 16:48.

25a GR praise.  
Luke 10:21.

b Matt. 13:11;  
D&C 6:11 (11–12).

c TG Prudence.

d Alma 32:23;

shall see the Father

d Luke 10:22;  
John 14:6 (6–14);  
TG God, Privilege  
Seeing.

28a Ps. 55:22;  
Isa. 55:3;

Witness.  
m. 1:16 (15–18);  
Tim. 2:12 (10–15);  
Ne. 31:14 (12–21);  
&C 101:5 (1–5).  
nn 7:43.  
Peace.  
Persecution.

b GR sacrifice.  
c Luke 9:24 (23–26).  
TG Loyalty.  
d TG Martyrdom;  
Self-Sacrifice.  
40a Luke 9:48; 10:16;  
D&C 84:36 (36–38).  
TG Priesthood,

2a Luke 7:18 (18–35).  
4a John 5:36.  
5a Ps. 146:8; Isa. 42:7.

11a TG Woman.  
b John 5:35 (32–35).  
c GR but he who is less

foretold such violence.  
14a Luke 1:17.  
15a Ezek. 33:31 (30–33);  
Isa. 5:11 (11–14).

### Woe to Unrepentant Cities

### Come to Me, and I Will Give You Rest

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## **The Son and the Father (Matthew 11:27)**

### **John 5:19, 30**

**19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.**

**30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.**



## **The Son and the Father (Matthew 11:27)**

### **John 8:18–19, 26, 28**

**18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.**

**19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.**

**26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.**

**28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.**



**GOD THE FATHER**  
**IS OUR DESTINATION**

**JESUS CHRIST**  
**IS THE WAY**



## Jeffrey R. Holland

**“Of the many magnificent purposes served in the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, one great aspect of that mission often goes uncelebrated. His followers did not understand it fully at the time, and many in modern Christianity do not grasp it now, but the Savior Himself spoke of it repeatedly and emphatically. It is the grand truth that in all that Jesus came to say and do, including and especially in His atoning suffering and sacrifice, He was showing us who and what God our Eternal Father is like, how completely devoted He is to His children in every age and nation. In word and in deed Jesus was trying to reveal and make personal to us the true nature of His Father, our Father in Heaven. ...**



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**“So feeding the hungry, healing the sick, rebuking hypocrisy, pleading for faith—this was Christ showing us the way of the Father, He who is ‘merciful and gracious, slow to anger, long-suffering and full of goodness.’ In His life and especially in His death, Christ was declaring, ‘This is God’s compassion I am showing you, as well as that of my own.’ In the perfect Son’s manifestation of the perfect Father’s care, in Their mutual suffering and shared sorrow for the sins and heartaches of the rest of us, we see ultimate meaning in the declaration: ‘For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved’ [ John 3:16–17 ].”**

*(Jeffrey R. Holland, “The Grandeur of God,” Oct. 2003 GC, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2003, 70, 72)*

## Richard G. Scott

**“When we are consistently praying morning and night, studying our scriptures daily, having weekly family home evening, and attending the temple regularly, we are actively responding to His invitation to ‘come unto Him.’”**

*(Richard G. Scott, “Make the Exercise of Faith Your First Priority,” Oct. 2014 GC, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2014, 94)*

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## Mosiah 24:14-16

14 And I will also ease the burdens which are put upon your shoulders, that even you cannot feel them upon your backs...

15 And now it came to pass that the burdens which were laid upon Alma and his brethren were made light; yea, the Lord did strengthen them that they could bear up their burdens with ease, and they did submit cheerfully and with patience to all the will of the Lord.

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## John A. McCune

**“As we accept the Savior’s invitation to ‘come unto me,’ He will provide the support, comfort, and peace that are necessary. ... Even in our deepest trials, we can feel the warm embrace of His love as we trust Him and accept His will.”**

*(John A. McCune, “Come unto Christ—Living as Latter-day Saints,” Apr 2020 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2020, 36)*

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## Edward Dube



**“In December 2015 in Madziva, Zimbabwe, Naume [my wife] and I saw a man plowing his field with a team of two oxen. I was amazed to see that one animal was a huge ox and the other was a small bullock. I was perplexed. I wondered aloud, ‘Why would a farmer plow with two unequal animals in the yoke?’**

**Naume’s mother, who was standing nearby, pointed to the yoke. I looked more closely and saw traces [ropes or chains] connecting the yoke to the bullock. The large ox was pulling all the weight, and the tiny bullock was being broken in, learning how to plow.”**

*(Edward Dube, “Learn of Me,” Liahona, Oct. 2020, Africa Southeast Local Pages, ChurchofJesusChrist.org)*

## David A. Bednar

**“Making and keeping sacred covenants yokes us to and with the Lord Jesus Christ.”**

*(David A. Bednar, “Bear Up Their Burdens with Ease,” Apr. 2014 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2014, 88)*

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**“When we are yoked with Jesus Christ, He bears the load, and we share in the joy of the labor. The Lord’s invitation to each of us to learn of Him is the only sure source which brings peace, joy and provides answers to the troubled mind.”**

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AT that time Jesus went on the <sup>a</sup>sabbath day through the <sup>b</sup>corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the <sup>c</sup>ears of corn, and to eat.

2 But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

3 But he said unto them, Have ye not <sup>a</sup>read what <sup>b</sup>David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him;

4 How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the <sup>a</sup>shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?

5 Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the <sup>a</sup>sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?

6 But I say unto you, That in this place is *one* greater than the <sup>a</sup>temple.

7 But if ye had known what *this* meaneth, I will have <sup>a</sup>mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the <sup>a</sup>sabbath day.

9 And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue:

10 ¶ And, behold, there was a man which had *his* hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.

11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you,

Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

God's Chosen Servant

A Man with a Withered Hand

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24a Ezek. 16:48.

25a GR praise. Luke 10:21.

b Matt. 13:11; D&C 6:11 (11–12).

c TG Prudence.

d Alma 32:23; D&C 133:52.

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d Luke 10:22; John 14:6 (6–14). TG God, Privilege of Seeing.

28a Ps. 55:22;

Isa. 55:3; D&C 142:67.

d TG Contrite Heart.

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f Mosiah 2:41; Alma 37:34 (33–34); D&C 54:10; 59:23.

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**The Prophet Joseph Smith explained how someone commits the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost:**

**“He must receive the Holy Ghost, have the heavens opened unto him, and know God, and then sin against him. After a man has sinned against the Holy Ghost, there is no repentance for him. He has got to say that the sun does not shine while he sees it; he has got to deny Jesus Christ when the heavens have been opened unto him, and to deny the plan of salvation with his eyes open to the truth of it; and from that time he begins to be an enemy” (in History of the Church, 6:314).**

## **Blasphemy Against or Denying the Holy Ghost**

**President Spencer W. Kimball taught:**

**“The sin against the Holy Ghost requires such knowledge that it is manifestly impossible for the rank and file to commit such a sin.”**

*(The Miracle of Forgiveness [1969], 123).*

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**Elder James E. Talmage of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles explained why Jesus was warning the Pharisees of the unpardonable sin in Matthew 12:31–32:**

**“Jesus was merciful in His assurance that words spoken against Himself as a Man, might be forgiven; but to speak against the authority He possessed, and particularly to ascribe that power and authority to Satan, was very near to blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, for which sin there could be no forgiveness.”**

*(Jesus the Christ, 3rd ed. [1916], 269).*



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**The Pharisees took an untenable position when they accused Jesus of using the power of the devil to do something good by healing a man possessed with a devil (see Matthew 12:22–24). The Savior taught that “a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit” (Matthew 7:18). In challenging the Pharisees to “either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt” (Matthew 12:33), Jesus was telling them they needed to make a choice about Him. Because of His good works they could not consistently call Him evil, and they could not take a neutral position (see Matthew 12:30). Confronted with His testimony and good works, the Pharisees had to choose whether or not they would accept Him as the Christ and follow Him.**



## C. S. Lewis

**“You must make your choice. Either this man [Jesus Christ] was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”**

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## Gospel Topics, "Repentance"

(under the heading, "Righteous Living")

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Full obedience brings the complete power of the gospel into our lives, including increased strength to overcome our weaknesses. This obedience includes actions we might not initially consider part of repentance, such as attending meetings, paying tithing, giving service, and forgiving others. The Lord promised, "He that repents and does the commandments of the Lord shall be forgiven" (Doctrine and Covenants 1:32).



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disciples, and said privately, Blessed *are* the <sup>a</sup>eyes which see the things that ye see:

24 For I tell you, that many <sup>a</sup>prophets and <sup>b</sup>kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen *them*; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard *them*.

25 ¶ And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit <sup>a</sup>eternal life?

26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy <sup>a</sup>heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt <sup>a</sup>live.

29 But he, willing to <sup>a</sup>justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my <sup>b</sup>neighbour?

30 And Jesus answering said, A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and <sup>a</sup>wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead.

31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on *him*, and passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain <sup>a</sup>Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had <sup>b</sup>compassion on *him*,

34 And went to *him*, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took <sup>a</sup>care of him.

35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave *them* to the <sup>a</sup>host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

38 ¶ Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named <sup>a</sup>Martha received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art <sup>a</sup>careful and troubled about many things:

42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath <sup>a</sup>chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

## CHAPTER 11

*Jesus gives the Lord's Prayer—He discusses the casting out of devils—He acclaims Himself as greater than Jonah and Solomon—He rebukes the Pharisees and says that the blood of all the prophets may be required of their generation.*

AND it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, <sup>a</sup>teach us to <sup>b</sup>pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our <sup>a</sup>Father which art in

heaven, Hallowed be thy <sup>b</sup>name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And <sup>a</sup>forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is <sup>b</sup>indebted to us. <sup>c</sup>And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

5 <sup>a</sup>And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his <sup>a</sup>friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if *he ask* a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children:

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20a Ex. 8:19;

23a Matt. 13:16.

24a 2 Ne. 25:26 (24–27).

b TG Neighbor.

30a TG Cruelty.

38a John 11:1 (1, 5); 12:2.

41a GR worried.

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31 The <sup>a</sup>queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon *is* here.

32 The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas *is* here.

33 No man, when he hath lighted a <sup>a</sup>candle, putteth *it* in a secret place,

neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light.

34 The light of the body is the <sup>a</sup>eye: therefore when thine eye is <sup>b</sup>single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when *thine eye* is evil, thy body also *is* full of <sup>c</sup>darkness.

35 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.

36 If thy whole body therefore *be* full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

37 ¶ And as he spake, a certain Pharisee besought him to dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to meat.

38 And when the Pharisee saw *it*, he marvelled that he had not first washed before dinner.

39 And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make <sup>a</sup>clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your <sup>b</sup>inward part is full of <sup>c</sup>ravening and <sup>a</sup>wickedness.

40 Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also?

41 <sup>a</sup>But rather <sup>b</sup>give <sup>c</sup>alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are <sup>a</sup>clean unto you.

42 But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the <sup>a</sup>love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

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31a 1 Kgs. 10:1.

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34a D&C 88:68 (67–68).

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Matthew 12

that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.

13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

14 ¶ Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

15 But <sup>a</sup>when Jesus knew *it*, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;

16 And charged them that they should not make him known:

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by <sup>a</sup>Esaias the prophet, saying,

18 Behold my <sup>a</sup>servant, whom I have <sup>b</sup>chosen; my <sup>c</sup>beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.

19 He shall not strive, nor <sup>a</sup>cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets.

20 A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth <sup>a</sup>judgment unto victory.

21 And in his <sup>a</sup>name shall the <sup>b</sup>Gentiles trust.

22 ¶ Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, inasmuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of <sup>a</sup>David?

24 But when the Pharisees heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by <sup>a</sup>Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

25 And Jesus knew their <sup>a</sup>thoughts, and said unto them, Every <sup>b</sup>kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

26 And if <sup>a</sup>Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?

27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast *them* out? therefore they shall be your judges.

28 But if I cast out <sup>a</sup>devils by the <sup>b</sup>Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto <sup>c</sup>you.

29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and <sup>a</sup>spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not <sup>a</sup>with me scattereth abroad.

31 ¶ Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven <sup>a</sup>unto men: but the <sup>b</sup>blasphemy *against* the Holy Ghost shall <sup>c</sup>not be forgiven unto men.

32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be <sup>a</sup>forgiven him, neither

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in this world, neither in the *world* to come.

33 Either make the tree good, and his <sup>a</sup>fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by *his* <sup>b</sup>fruit.

34 O <sup>a</sup>generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, <sup>b</sup>speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

35 A good man out of the good <sup>a</sup>treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth <sup>b</sup>evil things.

36 But I say unto you, That every <sup>a</sup>idle <sup>b</sup>word that men shall <sup>c</sup>speak, they shall give <sup>a</sup>account thereof in the day of <sup>e</sup>judgment.

37 For by thy <sup>a</sup>words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

38 ¶ Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a <sup>a</sup>sign from thee.

39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a <sup>a</sup>sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:

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47 Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

48 But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

49 And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my <sup>a</sup>mother and my brethren!

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15a JST Matt. 12:13 . . .  
Jesus knew when they took counsel, and he withdrew.

2 Ne. 10:18 (9, 11, 18).  
23a TG Jesus Christ, Davidic Descent of.  
24a 2 Kgs. 1:2 (2, 6).

for unto them is given power over devils, that they may cast them out.  
29a CB plunder.

33a Matt. 7:17 (16–20);  
3 Ne. 14:20 (17–20).  
b Moro. 7:16 (5–19).  
34a Matt. 3:7; 23:33;  
D&C 121:23.

37a Prov. 18:21.  
38a John 6:30.  
39a TG Miracle; Signs;  
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