

Introduction

1. People from far distances came to Jesus for healing.
2. Recall the “purpose” of miracles and other wonders.
3. Various unique topics / subjects taught by the Master Teacher.
4. The Lord’s earthly ministry continues.

Select Verses

12:1-2 (3-5) - *“At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the 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. ⁽⁵⁾ Or have ye not read in the law, how that...”*



12:14 - *“Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.”*

12:25 - *“And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:”*

12:30 - *“He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.”*

12:35 - *“A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.”*

12:36-37 - *“But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. ⁽³⁷⁾ For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.”*

12:50 - *“For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.”*

Select Thoughts / Themes



1. Jesus responded to the Pharisees who were critical of the disciples eating corn as they passed through the field on the sabbath.
2. The Pharisees held a council to see how they might destroy Jesus, the Son of God.
3. As some were critical of Jesus, He used the opportunity to teach those who would hear.
4. Jesus referred to the “*blasphemy against the Holy Ghost*” (v. 31), and that the one who commits that sin shall not be forgiven.
5. Was Jesus in any way reflecting a lack of love for His mother and siblings in verses 46-50? If not, what was the main thrust of our Lord’s words in this section of Scripture?

To Consider Further...



1. What would you consider as the most challenging truth found in chapter 12?
2. What is the blasphemy of the Holy Ghost?
3. What are “*idle words*” (v. 36)?
4. What was Jesus’ response when the scribes and Pharisees sought a sign?
5. In verses 46-50 who did Jesus identify as His brother, sister and mother?