

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for December 1, 1985**

**The Kingdom of God is Here**  
**Matthew 12:22-29**  
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Introduction:

Have you ever been frustrated? Why do some reject the obvious conclusion?

1. The multitudes waning unbelief:

**Verse 22**, “Then there was brought.” Not a sequential event. **Mark 3:20** is a parallel passage.

**Verse 23**, “This man cannot be the Son of David, can He?” This question implies no answer. **2 Samuel 7:12, Isaiah 9:1-7** The Messiah would be a descendent of David, they are saying, “Is this the Messiah after all.”

2. The Pharisees attempt to discredit Jesus:

The Pharisees knew the implication of the question asked by the multitude.

How far do they go to maintain their position? All the way to stupid! They are stupid to accuse Jesus of being a pawn of Satan.

3. Jesus reveals the depth of their sin:

Jesus calls the Pharisees to Himself saying, “How can Satan cast out Satan?” What you are saying makes no sense, anything that is against itself cannot stand. “By whom do your sons cast out demons?” “The kingdom of God has come upon you.”

We must come to the right conclusion as to who Christ really is. To become a part of this kingdom or not is determined by us.

We are all seen in this passage. Whether we reject Christ or are holding on to something we know to be wrong.

Examine yourself.

Lord what would you have me to do? For the love of Christ not love of self.