



The Case for His Divinity

Quest Book:
Chapter 26

Matthew 12:22-37

The Objection:

“Jesus is not of God, but of Satan.”

A. Jesus’ Power Reveals God’s Kingdom

1. Jesus proves His Messianic power.

“Then they brought Him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. All the people were astonished and said, ‘Could this be the Son of David?’ But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, ‘It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons.’”

Matthew 12:22-24 (NIV)

2. Jesus’ 1st rebuttal: A house divided destroys.

“Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, ‘Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand?’” Matthew 12:25-26

3. Jesus’ 2nd rebuttal: You hypocrites.

“‘And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.’”

Matthew 12:27-28 (NIV)

4. Jesus’ 3rd rebuttal: Make it make sense.

“Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house.”

Matthew 12:29 (NIV)

B. Our Allegiance Reveals Our Heart

1. Neutrality is impossible.

“Whoever is not with Me is against Me, and whoever does not gather with Me scatters.” Matthew 12:30 (NIV)

2. There is an unforgivable sin.

“And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.” Matthew 12:31 (NIV)

3. The unforgivable sin stays unforgivable.

“Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.”

Matthew 12:32 (NIV)

C. Our Words Reveal Who We Are

1. Our words are but an overflow from within.

“Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.” Matthew 12:33-34 (NIV)

2. Our words are from what is already stored.

“A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.” Matthew 12:35 (NIV)

3. Our words will be accounted for.

“But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgement for every empty word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Matthew 12:36-37 (NIV)

The Verdict:

Jesus is of God and
a destroyer of Satan.

Bottom Line:

Our words will determine where
we spend eternity.

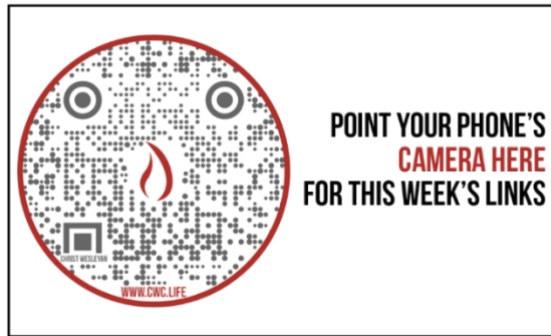
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**Next Sunday: A New Series: Jesus' Way
Following the Route of Radical Transformation**

**Week 1: Rejection Road
Quest Book: Chapter 27**

**Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel**



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 102%

Giving year to date: 90% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,761

Salvations to date: 76 | Baptisms to date: 51

“Reach the One” Campaign Update

160 – Pledges with 410 Total Participants

\$2,145,470.59 - Donations Anticipated by Nov. 2027

\$1,303,613.77 - Received Donations – 35% of \$4M Goal

Want to pledge, donate, or learn more?

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Upcoming Happenings:

Friday, October 24th – Trunk or Treat!

Sunday, October 26th -Membership Class 12:30p

Pick up the latest copy of “CWC Now The Magazine” in the foyer today for more information about all the happenings here at CWC.

Notetakers are History Makers

Looking for your next step at CWC?

Welcome Party – 1st Sunday of Every Month

- If you are new or if you’ve been around a bit and are looking to build friendships with others, our Welcome Party is for you! **Get to know others** who are newer at CWC as well as our welcome team and our pastors in a relational environment. There will be light refreshments and the opportunity to hear about our small groups, baptism, and your next step of Growth Track. If you’re asking the question, “*How can I make friends here,*” then this is for you! No registration is required, you can just show up. Look for the signs on the first Sunday of the month.

Growth Track – 3-week class on Sunday Mornings or Wednesday Nights

- Growth Track exists to help you learn about the vision of CWC, the gifts God has given you, and how you can use them in specific opportunities to serve at CWC. You’ll learn amongst others of how to become a vital part of the ministries of the church so that we can share the light of Christ with our communities. If you miss a class, don’t worry! Growth Track runs every month and we even have an online option you can participate in (though we recommend in-person if you can). You can see what classes are available by going to **bit.ly/cwcgrowthtrack**.

Membership Class – Once a quarter on Sundays after 2nd service

- Membership class is the last step of fully assimilating at CWC. Learn about our denomination, The Wesleyan Church and the bigger movement we are a part of across the world. This 3-hour class with the lead pastor provides you a place to **ask important questions about our beliefs as a church** and allows you to become eligible for our local board of administration. You also become eligible for denominational events like our district and general conferences. To sign up for our next class, let us know at the Hub or email: **loretta.paulhamus@cwc.life**