

MATTHEW 12

THE KING'S CONTROVERSIES

Chapter 12

Summary: Jesus faces increasing opposition, largely from religious leaders. He is drawn into controversies over the Sabbath, Satan, and signs.

I. Controversy over the Sabbath (1-21): Jesus is accused of working on the Sabbath [1-8], and healing on the Sabbath [9-13]. He withdraws from controversy and continues healing [14-21].

II. Controversy Over Satan (22-37): Jesus is accused of working with Satan [22-24]. He refutes this [25-30] and warns of condemnation [31-37].

III. Controversy Over Signs (38-50): Jesus rebukes their unbelief [38-42], reveals the consequences of unbelief [43-45], and defines the family of God [46-50].

Lesson: *As we follow Jesus, controversies will arise—look to Jesus.*