

SCORNING THE SON

MATTHEW 12:22-23

To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable,
because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.

-C.S. Lewis

I. Rejecting the Sign

II. Rejecting the Spirit

Getting to Know You:

1. Do you consider yourself a leader or a follower by nature?

Into the Bible:

2. The title “Son of David” has clear Messianic implications when applied to someone. The multitudes seem unsure whether to apply this to Jesus, even after witnessing his miracle of healing. Compare their reaction to the use of this title by others who are desirous of being healed in Luke 18:38 and Matthew 15:32. They seem to have no doubts. What do you think accounts for the difference?

Application:

3. Jesus draws a clear “line in the sand” with his statement in verse 30. This pointedly reinforces his statements about entry into the kingdom of God and his mission while here in Matthew 7:13-14 and Matthew 10:34-36. How comfortable are we when it comes to delivering a Gospel that allows for no middle ground, no nuanced position, and forces a decision by the unsaved we come in contact with?

For Families:

4. Talk gently with your children about why it is so important to choose Jesus and the salvation he offers.