

## **Matthew ch 12-13**

### **Ch 12**

**Theme – Jesus is Lord of (over) the Sabbath – grain field incident, healing of the man with the withered hand; Jesus didn't engage in needless arguments; a bruised reed, He will not break (v20 quoting Isaiah 42:3); Jesus heals a demon possessed man & is accused of casting out demons by satanic power; Jesus binds the strong man & rescues those who are His; the Unpardonable Sin (continual rejection of the saving work of the Holy Spirit); we are accountable for our words; the sign of Jonah (beware the continual craving for signs); not enough to be freed of demonic influences, must embrace Jesus; relationship is not based on blood, but love & obedience**

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### **Ch 13**

**Theme – Beginning of the Kingdom Parables; Parable of the Sower (#1); why Jesus is teaching in parables; Parable of the Wheat & Tares (#2); Parable of the Mustard Seed (#3); Parable of the Leaven (#4); Parable of the Wheat & Tares explained; Parable of the Treasure in the Field (#5); Parable of the Pearl of Great Price (#6); Parable of the Dragnet (#7); treasures in the Old & New Testament; Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> trip to Nazareth – rejected again**

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