

Jesus continues healings, but discourages publicity
Fulfillment of Isa 42:1-3: God's servant, has HS,
proclaims justice to Gentiles, not ostentatious,
patient toward the weak, successful, nations will
trust in him

Jesus and Beelzebul (22-32)

heals blind and mute demoniac
crowds begin to wonder if this is Messiah
Pharisees: he has demonic power!

Jesus' responses:

danger to Satan of dividing his forces
how can you tell where power comes from?
sign of the kingdom having come
evidence of power superior to Satan
importance of choosing right side
danger of blaspheming HS: prevents forgiveness,
presumably by preventing repentance

A Tree and its Fruit (33-37)

need for internal change to produce good works
judgment will extend to every idle word

Demand for a Sign (38-42)

Jesus certainly does signs, so problem here seems to be
insincerity

Jesus promises only the "sign of Jonah"

Matthew mentions burial and resurrection of Jonah

Mark doesn't record this part of answer

Luke mentions Jonah becoming sign to Ninevites

parallels:

Both Jonah and Jesus have a death &
resurrection

Israel unrepentant, as in Jonah's time, but
Gentiles repent in droves

Return of Unclean Spirit (43-45)

a parable based on demon phenomena

spirit dwelling in person like person dwelling in house
generation's rejection of Jesus will bring disaster

Mother and Brothers of Jesus (46-50)

spiritual relationship more important than physical

Parables of the Kingdom (13:1-52)

Parable of the Sower (1-9)

broadcast method of planting, poss done before plowing
four kinds of soils (or six) with different responses:

road: seed eaten by birds

thin: no root, burned by sun