

**16) Jesus and Beelzebub;** by Daniel E Bourque, Nov 2017

(Matt 12; 22-27), (Mark 3; 22), (Luke 11; 15-19)

*Then there was brought to him a possessed man who was blind and dumb; and he cured him so that he spoke and saw. And all the crowds were amazed, and they said, "Can this be the Son of David?" But the Pharisees, hearing this, said, "This man does not cast out devils except by Beelzebub, the prince of devils."*

*And knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then can his kingdom stand? And if I cast out devils by Beelzebub, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore, they shall be your judges.*

- A) You'll notice that this particular Beelzebub episode is brought up in three Gospels.
- B) The comment the rulers made to Jesus was my issue. They were referring to the poor soul's afflictions as of a demonic nature.
- C) Jesus was merely making him well. (The referencing of him being possessed it appears, is how the writers of the time and those around them were informed to understand it).
- D) He was only denoting to the man's afflictions as evil in his argument, because the rulers themselves identified it as such.
- E) Jesus knows these poor soul's afflictions are not because of demons.
- F) Which confirms the issue that the rulers did!
- G) Again, as with the man born blind, (John 9; 1-34), their handicaps were seen as evil or brought on by sins, therefore, they were not about to be forgiven.

- H) This demonstration is meant to point out, that many who were afflicted with unclean or handicap issues, because they can't be remedied by their knowledge of the day, were branded as sinners and cast out from the temples and Heaven as well.
  
- I) In today's day, we may refer to this as, 'Inescapable Despair' or a 'A living Death'! The healing of these poor souls, the teaching of truth and offering forgiveness by Jesus, could have easily given them the feeling they were, '*risen from eternal damnation*'.