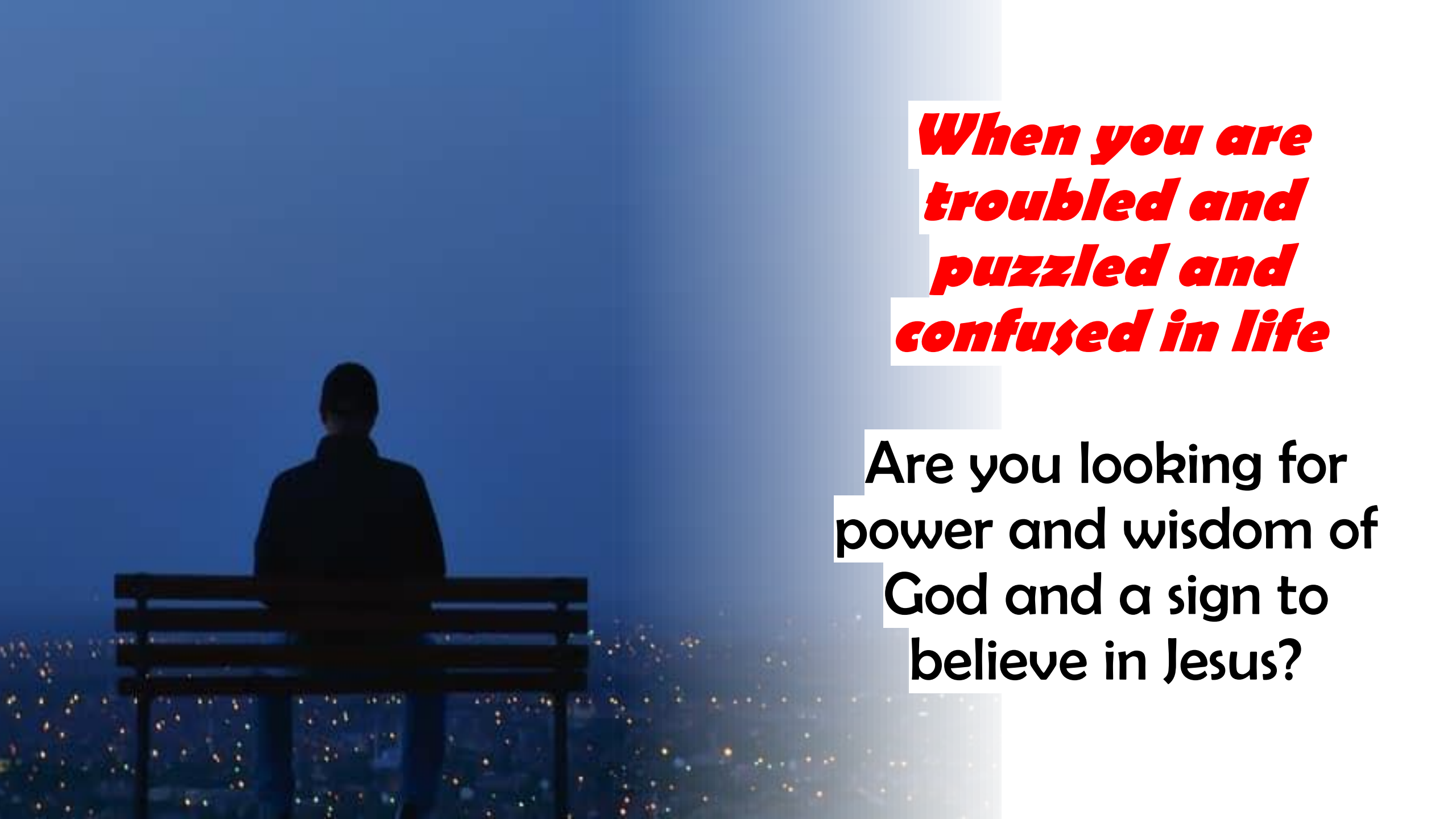


**Rebellion Against  
His Person**

**Matthew 12:38-50**





***When you are  
troubled and  
puzzled and  
confused in life***

**Are you looking for  
power and wisdom of  
God and a sign to  
believe in Jesus?**

# Matthew 11-12

## Mission Conflict and Rebellion

- **Against His Prophet**  
**(11:1-30)** *Jesus the Rest*
- **Against His Principles**  
**(12:1-21)** *Jesus the Gentle Servant*
- **Against His Power**  
**(12:22-37)** *Jesus the Judge*
- **Against His Person**  
**(12:38-50)** *Jesus the Greater & Wiser*



**Matthew 12:38-50**

**Rebellion Against His Person**

**Questioning Jesus' Personhood,  
Credential and Power**



**A sign to authenticate  
his Messianic ministry**

***<sup>38</sup> Then some of the Pharisees and  
teachers of the law said to him,  
'Teacher, we want to see a sign from you.'***

**They questioned his  
credential, power,  
and wisdom**

**Nothing can satisfy them!**

***Imprudent, hypocritical, insulting***



# Just like their ancestors

*39 He answered, 'A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign!*

## **Hardened unbelief hearts**



## **Jesus and Jonah**

*But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. <sup>40</sup> For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.*

**The Sign of Jonah**  
**The Greatest Sign:**  
*The Death and  
Resurrection of Christ*



## **The Ninevites will judge the Pharisees!**

***41 The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now something greater than Jonah is here.***

**They believed and were saved**

*Jesus was greater*

*Yet they refused to believe him*





## **Queen Sheba will judge them too!**

***42 The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and now something greater than Solomon is here.***

**She came, saw, heard, believed  
Worse than the Gentiles!**

*Jesus is wiser than Solomon*

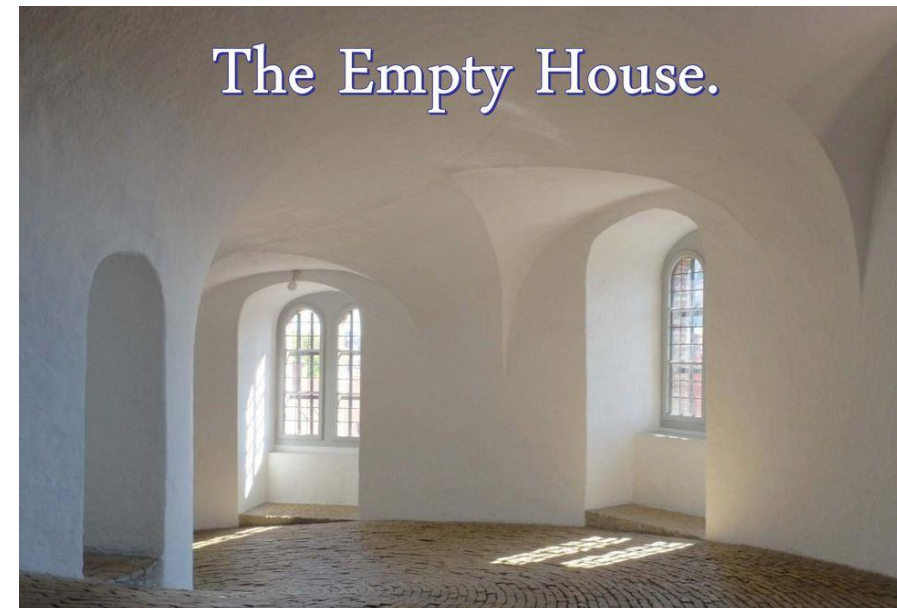
*Yet they questioned him!*



## **Jesus diagnosed the spiritual conditions of their hardened hearts**

*43 'When an impure spirit comes out of a person ... 44 Then it says, "I will return to the house I left." When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied... 45 Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there.*

**A clean house must be filled with the right tenants**



**Their houses are cleaned,  
but left empty!**

**Hearts are unchanged**

*Their lives remained  
empty, cold, and lifeless.*

**More demons coming in!**

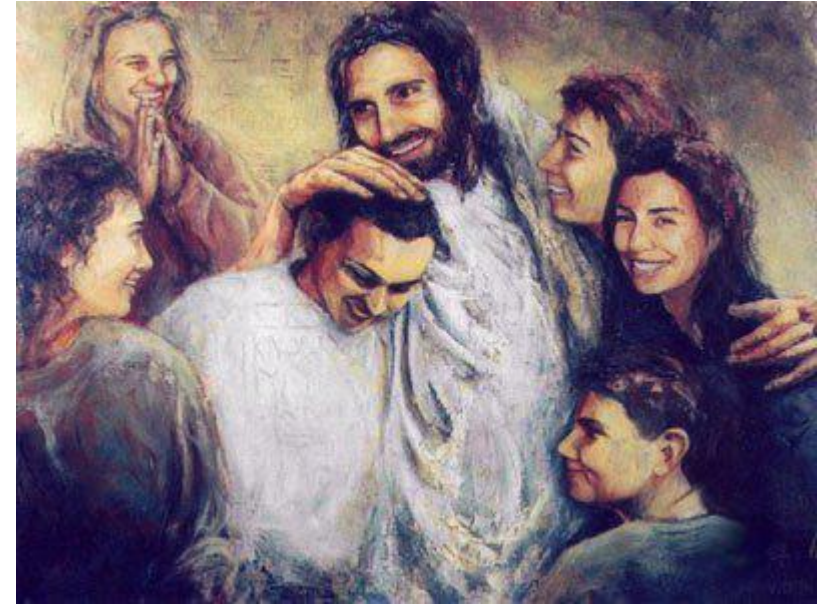
*Getting more arrogant  
and stubborn!*



**Get your house cleansed  
& filled & live the new life**

**Come belong to the new  
family of God with Jesus**

**Jesus' mother and brothers**



*46 While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him.*

*47 Someone told him, 'Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.'*

## **New Kingdom Family**

***<sup>48</sup> He replied to him, 'Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?' <sup>49</sup> Pointing to his disciples, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. <sup>50</sup> For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.'***

***Not bloodline or genealogy***

***But Obedient to the Father***

***Disciples who obey God***

***belong to His family***





***Looking for a sign  
to believe in Jesus?***

**The Greatest Sign**  
*The Death and  
Resurrection of Christ*

**Be a Disciple**

*Believe in Jesus*

**Be filled with the Spirit**

***Give your hearts to Him***

***Get your house cleaned & filled!***

**Live in the intimate love  
relationship with him**

***Let him dwell in every  
room in your body/house***





**Live the New Life**

**Be a kingdom  
Family of God**

**Jesus saves us  
to become  
a family of God**



## Do the will of God as His family

- *Join the family weekly corporate worship.*
- *Join the smaller family CELLS units to connect 7/24.*
- *Join in the Fellowships Gathering of God's family.*
- *Work and Pray together in the family.*

**You will receive His wisdom & power!**



# Jesus our brother is Greater and Wiser

## 1 Corinthians 1:24

*<sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*



***Christ on the cross  
the wisdom and power of God***

***Be His Courageous  
Faithful Witnesses!***

**Receive His Power  
and Wisdom in the  
Love and Goodness  
of Jesus on the Cross**



**Go Mission with  
God as a Family**