

**Rebellion Against  
His Power**

**Matthew 12:22-37**



# Matthew 11-12

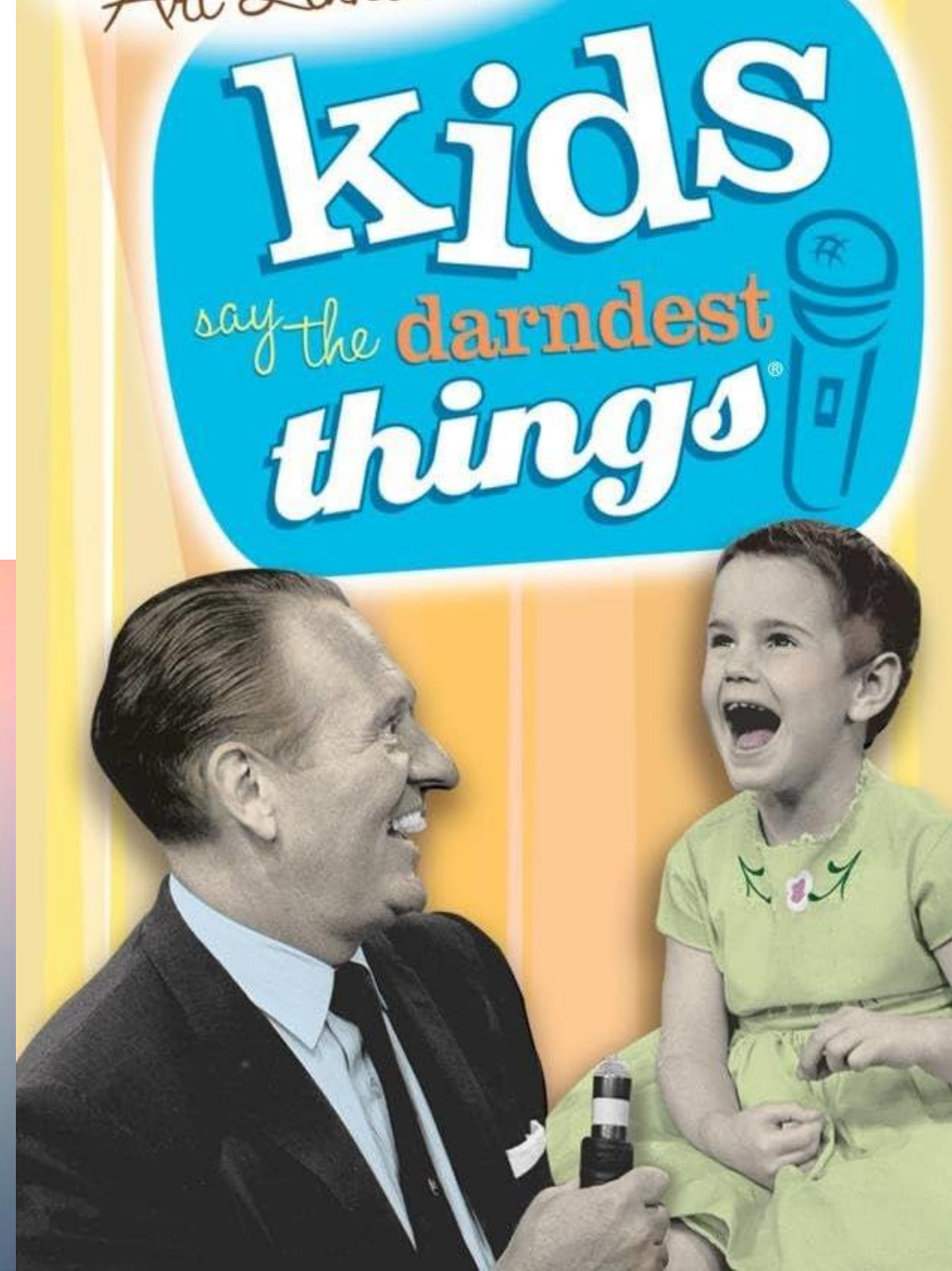
## Mission Conflict and Rebellion

- **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*



**Our Words  
Reveal Our  
Hearts and  
Characters**

***How is  
your  
speech?***



# Jesus Drove out Demons

*<sup>22</sup> Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. <sup>23</sup> All the people were astonished and said, 'Could this be the Son of David?'*

***“Could this be the Messiah?”***

***“He is Beelzebul”***

***Agent of Satan!***

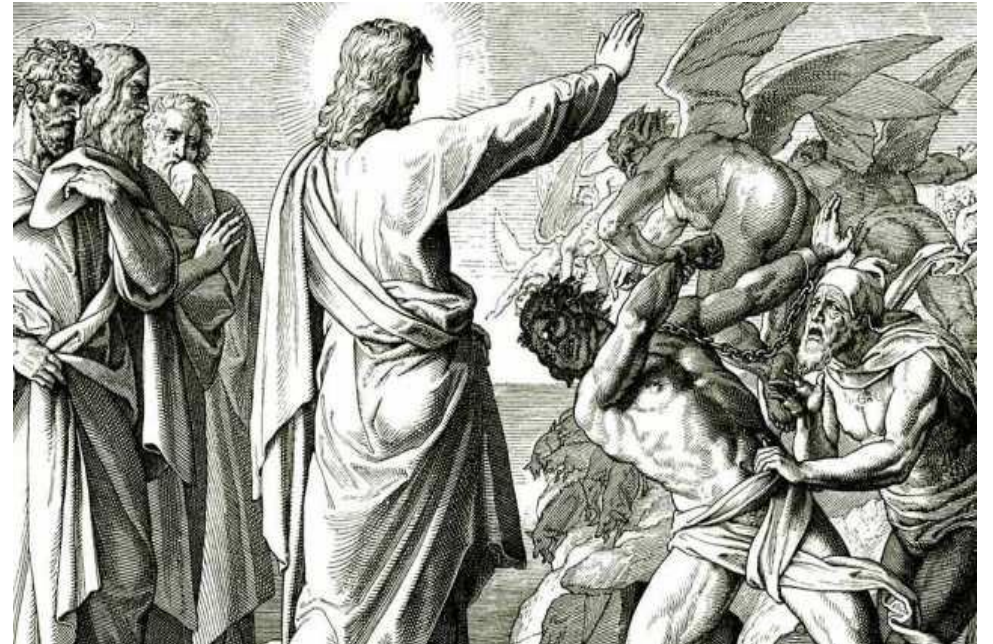


# **A Divided Kingdom cannot stand**

***25 Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined...***

***26 If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand?***

**How can Satan drive out Satan? *Illogical!***



## **How About You?**

*27 And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your people drive them out?*

*So then, they will be your judges.*

*Whose Power are you relying on?*

**Satan?**

**Jesus Worked by the Power of the Spirit**

*28 But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons,*



**God's Spirit power is**  
**greater than Satan's power!**

*29 'Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house.*

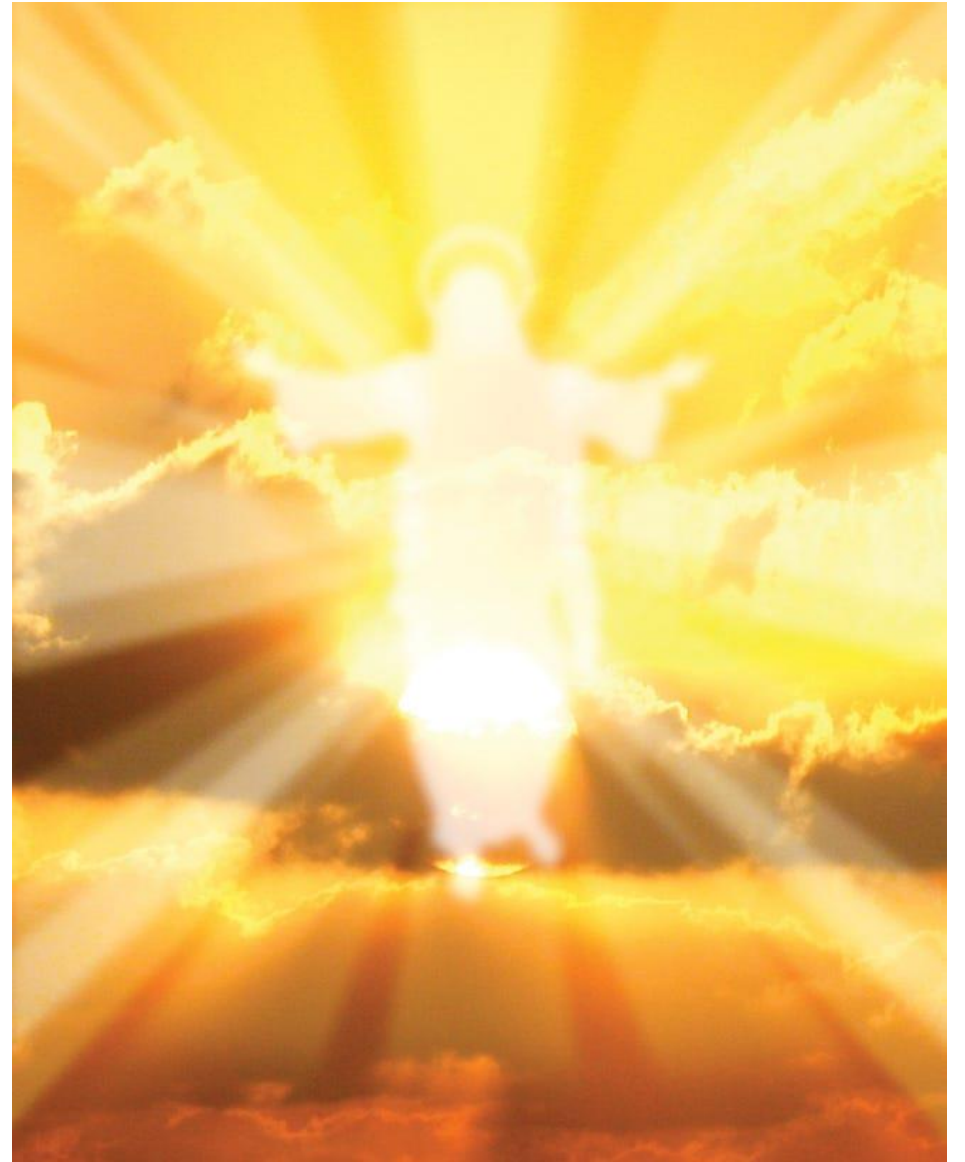
**Satan is a strong man**  
**Jesus is a stronger man**



**Kingdom of God  
has come**

*then the kingdom of  
God has come upon you.*

**King Jesus,  
Prince of Peace  
has defeated Satan,  
Prince of Demons**





# Jesus Issued a Challenge

*<sup>30</sup> 'Whoever is not with me  
is against me, and whoever does not  
gather with me scatters.'*



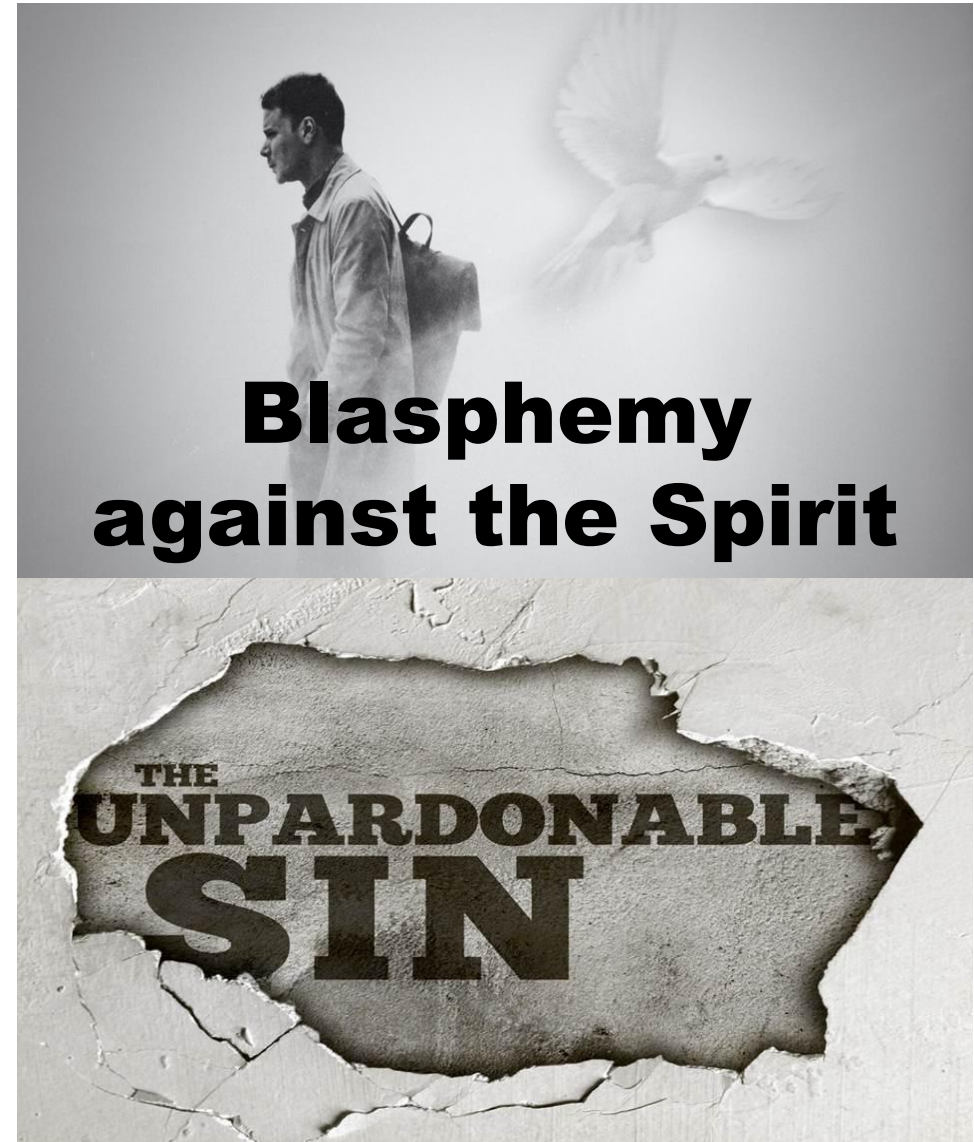
**Choose your side  
*Jesus or Satan?*  
Be saved with him or  
be scattered & lost**

## Jesus the Judge

***31 And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.***

### **The Unpardonable Sin**

***A deliberate, conscious, and defiant act of denial of God's Spirit power is unforgivable***



**Blasphemy  
against the Spirit**

**THE  
UNPARDONABLE  
SIN**

## Speaking Against the Holy Spirit is Unforgivable

*<sup>32</sup> Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.*

**Hardened Stubborn  
Hearts of Unbelief**

*A refusal to ask for forgiveness*



**Anyone who reject Jesus or  
the work of the Spirit will not  
be forgiven/saved**

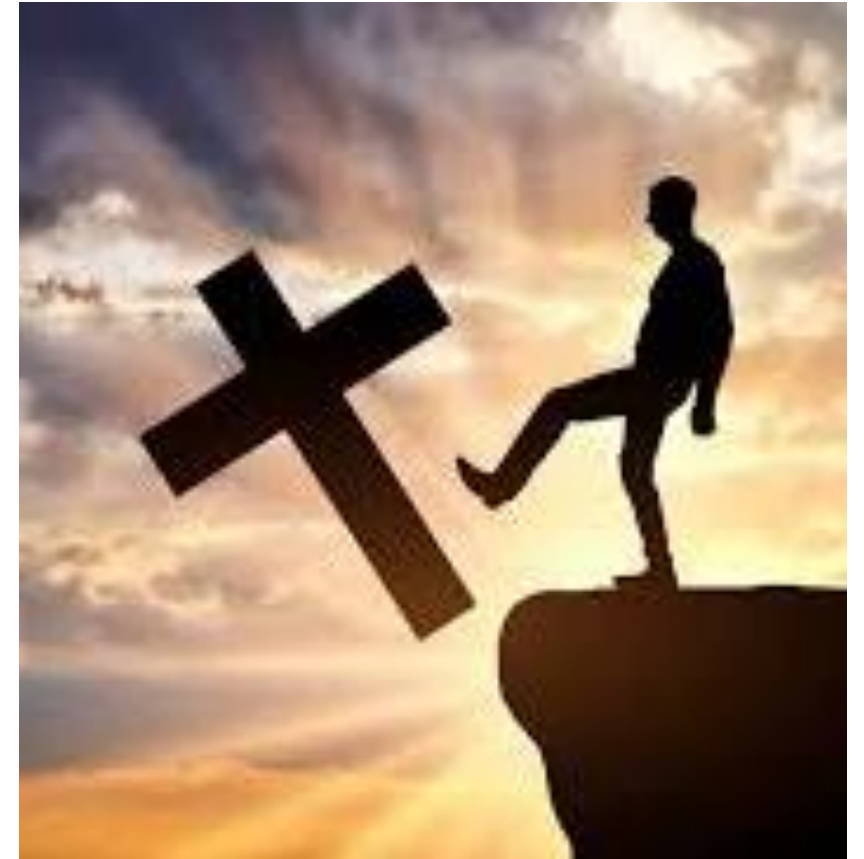
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• **John 16:8**

*It is the Spirit who convicts us  
of our sin, our unbelief*

• **John 15:26 The Spirit  
bears witness to Christ**

*A rejection of the Spirit  
is a rejection of Christ*



**Jesus Judge a man**  
**by his fruit**

*33 'Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognised by its fruit.'*

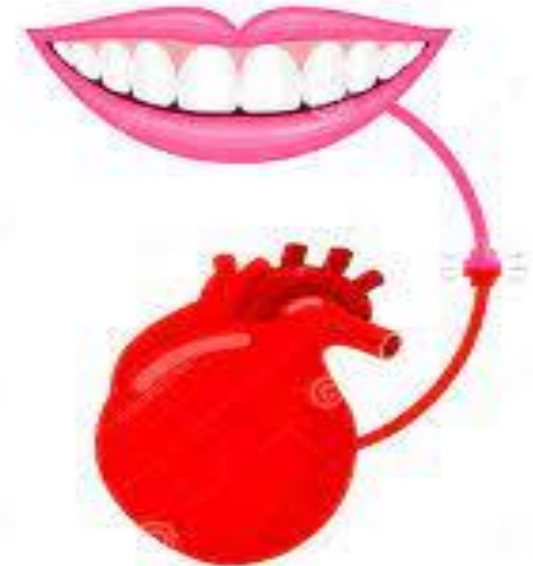
***Good tree & good fruit***  
***Bad tree & bad fruit***



# Judgment of Fruit by Your Words

*34 You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.*

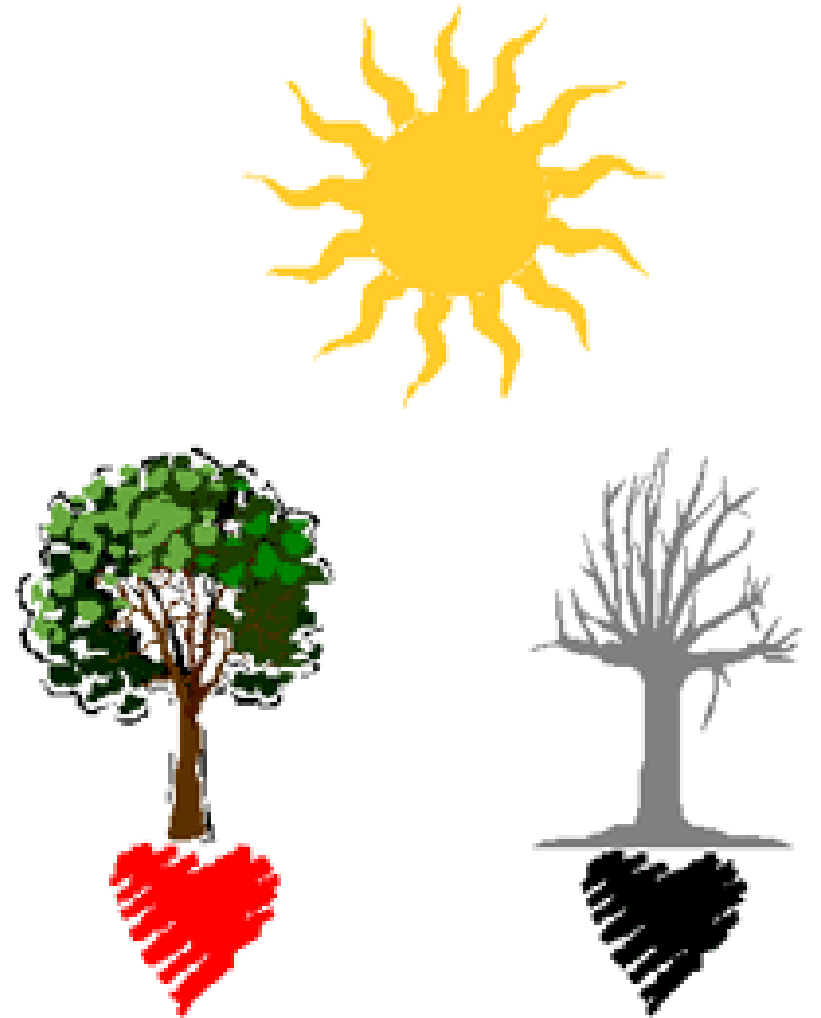
**Listen to what you say**  
***Your word reveals***  
***your heart***



# **The heart is a treasury of good or evil**

***<sup>35</sup> A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.***

***If the tree/heart is good,  
good fruit/word will come  
out and vice versa.***



**Beware! Everyone will  
be judged by his word**

***36 But I tell you that everyone  
will have to give account on the  
day of judgment for every empty  
word they have spoken.***

***37 For by your words you will be  
acquitted, and by your words  
you will be condemned.'***

**Be careful with our words**

***They reveal our hearts***





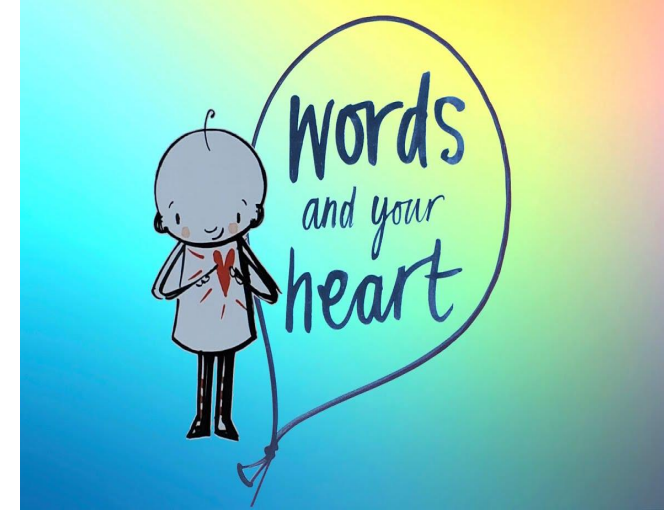
# Jesus Judges Us, our Hearts by our Words

***Our Words Reveal Our  
Hearts and Characters***

**The heart believes**

**Roman 10:9-11**

*if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*



## **The heart *thinks***

Our words communicate our thoughts

## **The heart *desires***

Our words show our hearts' desire.

## **The heart *loves***

Our words express our love to others.

## **The heart *worships***

Our words reveal what rules our hearts.



# How is the state of your heart?

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**Listen to your words**

*Are they kind, truthful,  
compassionate, and encouraging?*

*Or are your words, angry,  
lies, hateful, and destructive?*



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

**1 Thessalonians 5:11**

*Encourage one another  
& build each other up*

**Ephesians 4:15**

*Speak the truth in love*



**Going Mission  
with God**