Questions on Matthew chapter 12

1. Did the law forbid eating or preparing food on the Sabbath? Verses 1-2.

2. Was what David did lawful? Verses 3-4.

3. How did the priests “profane the temple” yet remain blameless? Verse 5.

4. In doing something greater than the priests, were Jesus’ disciples “guiltless” or “guilty” of breaking the law? Verses 6-8.

5. Do you think the Pharisees were sincere in suggesting that Jesus heal the man on the Sabbath? Verses 9-10.

6. How did Jesus explain the “mercy and sacrifice” consideration that made it lawful? Verses 11-13.

7. What was the Pharisees’ council about and how did Jesus deal with it? Verses 14-16.

8. Whose prophecy did Jesus withdrawal fulfill? Verses 17-20.

9. Was the part about the Gentiles fulfilled here or later? Verse 21.

10. What is implied by the people asking, “Is not this the son of David?” Verses 22-23.

11. What two arguments did Jesus use to answer the charge that He cast out devils by Beelzebub? Verses 24-27.

12. In Jesus’ illustration, who would be the “strong man” and who spoiled his goods? Verses 28-29.

13. Is there a middle ground when it comes to gathering sheep for Jesus? Verse 30.

14. What is blasphemy? Why do you think it is more deadly to speak against the Holy Ghost than Jesus (the Son of man)? Verses 31-32.

15. As a tree is known by its fruit, how is man known, according to Jesus? Verses 33-35.

16. According to Jesus’ statement here about idle (useless) words, how can we possibly stand in the judgment? Verses 36-37.

17. What did Jesus say was the only sign to be given to “the evil and adulterous generation”? Verses 38-40.

18. Why was the preaching of Jonah so inferior yet productive of repentance in the Ninevites? Verse 41.

19. How do Jonah and the Queen of the South condemn the evil and adulterous generation? Verses 41-42.

20. What is the house from whence the unclean came out and returns? Verses 43-44.

21. How was the man with the unclean spirit like the wicked generation? Verse 45.

22. Did Jesus have brothers? If so, what does this imply about the Catholic doctrine of “the perpetual virginity of Mary”? Verses 46-47.

23. Would Jesus allow interference with His mission based on earthly relationships? Verses 48-49.

24. Who does Jesus regard as His brother, and sister, and mother? Verse 50.