



WORSE

THAN THE

FIRST

Matthew 12:43-45



The Man with the Unclean Spirit

MATTHEW 12:42-45

- **THE POSSESSED MAN**

- **VARIOUS ILLS POSSIBLE**

MATTHEW 12:22; MARK 5:3, 5

- **NOT A GOOD CONDITION!**

MARK 9:17, 22



The Man with the Unclean Spirit

MATTHEW 12:42-45

- **THE UNCLEAN SPIRIT DEPARTS**

- **THE MAN IS BETTER!**

MARK 5:15; MATTHEW 12:22

- **THE SPIRIT SEEKS REST**

v. 43



The Man with the Unclean Spirit

MATTHEW 12:22-25

- THE UNCLEAN SPIRIT RETURNS FIRST!
- HE FINDS THE 'HOUSE' EMPTY!
- HE RETURNS WITH SEVEN MORE!

WORSE THAN

v. 45



The Immediate Application

MATTHEW 12:22-45

- **ISRAEL HAD BEEN THAT MAN**

- **THEY REBELLED & DISOBEYED**

HOS. 4:12; NEH. 9:26; EZEK. 14:13

- **THAT SPIRIT WAS DRIVEN OUT**

NEHEMIAH 1:5-7; DANIEL 9:4-12



The Immediate Application

MATTHEW 12:22-45

- **THEY RETURNED, BUT...**
- **THEY SOUGHT HIM, INITIALLY**
EZRA 3:2-4, 10-11
- **NO CHANGE FOR THE BETTER**
MALACHI 1:7, 8, 13



The Immediate Application

MATTHEW 12:42-45

- THE LAST STATE

- THEY REJECTED THE CHRIST

MATT. 15:12, 13; JOHN 5:39, 40;

1:47, 48; ISA. 53:3

- JERUSALEM DESTROYED & WORSE!

LUKE 19:41-45; MATT. 24:1-21;

ROM. 11:19, 20

WORSE THAN THE FIRST!



Another Case

2ND PETER 2:18-22

- **A SINNER OUTSIDE OF CHRIST**
- **ENEMIES OF GOD; WITHOUT HOPE**

ROMANS 5:6-10; EPHESIANS 2:12

- **DEAD IN SIN**

EPHESIANS 2:1-3



Another Case

2ND PETER 2:18-22

- **THE CHANGED MAN**
- **ALIVE AND FORGIVEN OF SINS**

COLOSSIANS 2:11-13

- **HAVING ESCAPED ERROR**

2ND PET. 2:18; TITUS 2:12; COL. 3:9, 10



Another Case

2ND PETER 2:13-22

- THE SAD, FINAL STATE
- AGAIN ENTANGLED
- WORSE THAN ENEMIES OF GOD?

2ND PETER 2:18-20

2ND PETER 2:20-22

WORSE THAN THE FIRST!

