

CROWDS, COMMITMENT, CONFLICT

Mark 3:7-35

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Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea

and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him.

And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him,

for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him.

And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God."

And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

Mark 3:7-35

And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons.

He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder);

Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat.

And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

Mark 3:7-35

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.”

And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan?

If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end.

But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter,

but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—

for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Mark 3:7-35

And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him.

And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you."

And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?"

And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!

For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

JESUS' CONTACT & IMPACT

HEALINGS, DELIVERANCES & TEACHING:

Mark 1:22

**And they were astonished at his teaching,
for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.**

THE CROWDS UNSURE, BUT INTRIGUED

Mark 3:7 – 8

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Mark 3:9-10

And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him.


Mark 3:11-12

And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.” And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

THE DISCIPLES:
CALLED, CONVINCED, COMMITTED

Mark 3:13-14

And he went up on the mountain and *called* to him *those whom he desired*, and *they came* to him. And he *appointed* twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach...



Poieo = to make,
or create

John 6:35-40

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out...this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

John 6:44

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

JESUS' FAMILY:

CONFUSED, CONFLICTED

Mark 3:20-21

Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind...”

Mark 3:31-35

And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

Matthew 10:35-39

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

JESUS & THE KINGDOM: CONFLICT AND CONVICTION

Mark 3:22

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem *were saying*, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.”



A Canaanite Philistine god – “Lord of the Dung”, i.e. Satan, Beelzebub

Mark 3:23-26

And he called them to him and said to them *in parables*,
“How can Satan cast out Satan? *If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.*

And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

Mark 3:26-27

And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. *But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.*

Mark 3:28-30

**“*Truly*, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, but *whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin*”—
for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”**

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TAKEAWAY?

> There's a difference between Interested in Jesus and Convinced of Jesus, To be convinced is to include Jesus in life and in actions.

> Conflict occurs in a house-divided. The Strong-man to bind is Satan's lies -

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

> The world is an enmity with God's word and obedience to him... we have to choose who is Lord, even in family.