Lesson 4: Disciples and Family
Mark 3:13-35
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- Selection of the Twelve (3:13-19)
- Opposition of friends (3:20-21)
- Unpardonable sin (3:22-30)
- Jesus’ brothers and mother (3:31-35)
Gospel of Mark

- Mark’s Purpose
  Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God
- Mark’s cryptic style
- Mark’s Outline
  3. Death and Resurrection 11:1-16:8 – His work
  4. Continuing 16:9-20 – Where do we go from here?
The Beginning – Fundamentals

- Old Testament connection
  - Ministry of John the Baptist
  - Jesus is the Christ

- The Divine stamp of approval
  - A divine intrusion
  - Trinitarian authority

- A spiritual engagement
  - Repentance – a sin issue
  - Baptism of the Holy Spirit
  - Temptation of Jesus
Ministry begins (Mark 1:14-10:52)

- Disciples called
- Demons cast out
- Healings
- Jesus forgives sins
- Opposition
- New wine in new wineskins
- Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath
- Resolve to kill Jesus
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Selection of the 12 disciples
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- The twelve (3:14)
  Term used by all 4 Gospel writers
    Mark x9 – Matthew x6 - Luke x7 – John x4 – Acts x1

- Called by Jesus
  - Sovereign – He called those He wanted
    - Mark 1:16-19
    - Mark 2:13
    - John 6:70
  - Appointment to an office with special responsibilities
    - Follow Me
    - Become fishers of men
Responsibilities of the Twelve

- Be with Jesus
- Preach
  - Isaiah 61:1
  - Matthew 28:18-20
- Power
  - To heal sicknesses and to cast out demons
  - Proof of the Messiah (Luke 7:22; Isaiah 35:5-6; 61:1)
  
  A new era in God’s revelation
  
  Selective exercise of power
Future Ministries

➤ Foundation of the Church
  – Disciples are foundation Ephesians 2:20
  – Christ is the Cornerstone – Ephesians 2:20
  – Christ is the Church – Ephesians 1:22-23

➤ Kingdom role
  – New Jerusalem – Revelation 21:9-14
12 Disciples in the Church Age

- A required number
  - Acts 1:15-26; Psalm 69:25; 109:8
- Last noted together Acts 6
- James killed in Acts 12
- An invisible foundation

- A gap between Mark 3:19 and 20
  - the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5–7)
  - Events in Luke 7:1–8:3
Opposition of Friends (Mark 3:20-21)

- No time to eat – Misplaced priorities?
- His own people – family
- A “sandwich” narrative
  – Mark 5:21-43; 6:7-31; 11:12-26; 14:1-11, 27-52
- They did not yet believe – John 7:5
- Suspected insanity
Two Accusations – Mark 3:22-30

▶ He has Beelzebub
▶ He casts out demons by the power of Beelzebub
▶ Who is Beelzebub?
  – New Testament:
    – Matthew 10:25
  – Old Testament:
    – 1 Kings 1:2 – god of Ekron
    – Mark 3:22-23 – Satan, the ruler of the demons
    – Literally – “Master of the House”
      – Matthew 10:25
Jesus answers the accusations
Mark 3:23-30

- **Second accusation answered:**
  - In parables
  - Satan cannot cast out Satan
  - A kingdom divided or a house divided cannot stand
  - The “master of the house” must be defeated

- **First accusation answered:**
  - An unforgivable sin
  - Blasphemy against Holy Spirit
Jesus’ mother and brothers
Mark 3:31-35

- His mother and brothers came to take Him away
- A teaching opportunity
- The priority of the will of God
- The household of faith
The Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God

- A lesson in the Gospel
- How do you respond to Jesus Christ?
- Do not despise the work of the Holy Spirit
- The alternative: doing the will of God
- The contemporary test: the Written Word