

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

1. Beginning 1:1-13 – Fundamentals of the Gospel
2. Ministry 1:14-10:52 – “Who do you say that I am?”
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

- Thrones over Israel – Luke 22:24-30
- 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
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- ▶ 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
 - Matthew 12:22-30; Luke 11:17-30
 - 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