

# SERMON NOTES

**Preacher:** Kevin Hardy

**Date:** July 28, 2024

**Text:** Mark 3:20-35

**Title:** The Work of the Spirit in the Life of Jesus

**Big Idea:** The call of Christ is the highest priority in the life of the disciple.



## I. **KNOW JESUS (v. 13-14, 20-35)**

*13 And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. 14 And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out... (Mark 3:13-14)*

Living the Christian life, being a disciple of Jesus means that we know Him. It means that we TRUST Him. It means that He is the ultimate AUTHORITY in our lives.

View #1: Jesus is crazy/out of His mind/lost His senses (v. 21)

## II. **KNOW YOUR ENEMY (v. 22-30)**

View #2: Jesus is casting out demons by Satan

Words of Wisdom: “How can Satan cast out Satan?” (v. 23-27)

- Someone has to be stronger than him to come onto his turf
- Someone has to be stronger than him to bind him and restrain his action
- Someone also has to be stronger than him to free people from his control

ONLY JESUS HAS THIS KIND OF POWER OVER THE DEVIL!

Words of Warning: He warns his wicked enemies that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit—which they are committing—is the unpardonable sin! (v. 28-30)

- Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit is willful, wide-eyed slandering of the work of the Spirit, attributing to the Devil what was undeniably divine. (seen His work and still denied it)
- Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit is not a careless act committed only once in a moment of rage or rebellion, but a calloused attitude over time, a persistent defiance that hardens and calcifies the heart.
- Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit, therefore, is not just unbelief, the sort of unbelief or rejection or doubt that is typical in our world. Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit is defiance of what one knows beyond any shadow of doubt to be true.
- Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit puts you beyond repentance, and therefore beyond forgiveness. (Sam Storms, *Tough Topics*)

## III. **KNOW YOUR FAMILY (v. 31-35)**

*For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.” (Mark 3:35)*

# APPLICATION QUESTIONS

*To be used for personal reflection and/or sermon-based small group discussion.*

[www.aplacetobelong.ca/LatestSermonResources](http://www.aplacetobelong.ca/LatestSermonResources)

## READ Mark 3:20-35

Is there anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question you would like to ask the writer of the passage or the Lord?

Where is Christ in this passage? How does this passage relate to the person, nature, character or work of Christ? Luke 24:44 says all of Scripture is about Christ. So, how does this passage help you see more of who Christ is, what He has done, or allows you to love Him more?

Why did Jesus' family think He was crazy? (v. 21) What reasons can you think of?

Where do the Jewish leaders say Jesus' power comes from? (v. 22)

How did Jesus refute His opponents' accusation? (v. 23-26)

In 3:24-25, Jesus discusses the kingdom of Satan. However, what do these verses tell you about Jesus' view of the Kingdom of God?

Have any of your friends or family members ever thought you were "out of your mind" (see Mark 3:21) because of your sincere efforts to live a Christian life? If so, what was the occasion, and what came of it?

Jesus said that those who follow Him are His true family (v. 34-35). How, then, should we as Christians relate to one another? What about family members who are not Christians?

## PRAY