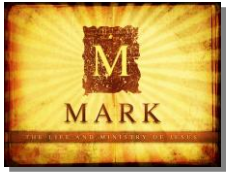


“Mark: The Life and Ministry of Jesus” - Part 10

Mark 3:20-35



“Mad Man on the Loose”

Jesus has broken through the “norm” of the day and bludgeoned the status quo by realigning the scriptures with heart and deeds. With the mounting opposition by the religious leaders, Jesus, the “man of sorrows” is confronted with a new enemy...His friends and family.

Big Idea: “...because Jesus Christ proved to be God incarnate, we must repent and trust Him as Lord or perish in eternal judgment!”

Opposition by His Family (3:20-21)

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.” (Mark 3:20-21 NIV)

- The gospel accounts of both Matthew 12 and Luke 11 place this incident immediately after Jesus had cast out a demon from a _____ man.
- Jesus’ family thought He was _____, or out of touch with reality. They therefore thought to actually _____ of the situation and get Jesus out of there!

Opposition by His Enemies (3:22)

And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebub! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.” (Mark 3:22 NIV)

- These religious elite could not deny that Jesus was meeting the needs of the people and doing miracles.
- They decided to accuse Him of _____
- not being who He says He is.

Opposing the Opposition by His Enemies (3:23-27)

So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: “How can Satan drive out Satan? ... In fact, no one can enter a strong man’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man...” (Mark 3:23-27 NIV)

- Think of the logic...someone who belongs to Satan’s domain, possessed by Satan’s minions, doing Satan’s work - Satan’s way, in order to advance Satan’s kingdom, is then removed by Satan and sent into God’s Kingdom? I DON’T THINK SO!
- It’s the power of the Holy Spirit _____ that is able to overcome Satan and rob him of his possessions; fallen mankind!

Unforgivable Sin (3:28-30)

“I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven;...” (Mark 3:28-30 NIV)

- If a person, upon receiving the full revelation of God, persistently attributes to Satan what is accomplished by the power of God—then such a person never has forgiveness. This person is what the scriptures call an _____

Part of God’s Family (3:31-35)

Then Jesus’ mother and brothers arrived. ... “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.” (Mark 3:31-35 NIV)

- Jesus severs the ties with His _____ family and promotes as most significant those who do God’s will and become part of His _____ family.

“For 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 6:40 ESV)