

Message Notes

Series: Following Jesus, Fishing for People

A Soul Café verse by verse teaching through the Gospel of Mark

Message Five

Message: When family and friends get in the way of following Jesus

Passage: Mark 3: 19-35

Intro:

Mark is writing mainly to a R_____ audience rather than to a primarily Jewish reader as Matthew directs his words to. Mark focuses on action rather than teaching. Romans valued action over discourse.

Jesu and His disciples enter a house- perhaps Peters and Andrews, as their house seems to have been a sort of headquarters in Capernaum.

Mark 3: 20-21

“They” or literally, “those from His side” could be his immediate family, outer circle of disciples, or friends He had grown up with in Nazareth.

They felt that Jesus was not taking p_____ c_____ of Himself, not eating, or sleeping properly. And He is always at odds with the church leaders which to many did not make sense.

Jesus lived an intense, sacrificial life.

He sympathized with people like no one before Him.

He engaged their pain, hurt, sickness, rejection, and possession by evil.

Isa. 63:9; 53:4

3: 22

Read Matthew 12: 22-24 to get the context for this passage.

They accuse Jesus of being demon-possessed and operating by evil powers.

Beelzebub= He was the l_____ of the f_____ or god of dung, a sort of satanic incarnation- they accuse Jesus of being his agent.

It is the root of e_____ and p_____ that creates a legalist.

Col. 2: 8-9

3: 23-26

Jesus shows the absurdity of their accusations:

- A divided k_____ cannot stand (v. 24)
- A divided h_____ cannot stand v. 25
- A divided s_____ cannot stand: v. 26

3: 27

The house is this w_____.

The goods are s_____.

The strong man is s_____. He binds with deception, distortion, and disinformation.

The one who plunders is C_____.

3:28

Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit = i_____ language directed against God-defamation of the Lord, reviling God Eph 4:3; Col. 3:8; 1 Tim. 6:4

3: 31-35

Jesus is denoting the s_____ of a spiritual family. Only those who do the will of God are a part of it thus it is exclusive.

SMALL GROUP LESSON

LOOK BACK: What does it mean that “it is not what you are but what you are willing to become that matters?”

LOOK UP

One: How do we as Christ followers allow our focus on our family to get in the way of what God calls us to do in our spiritual family?

Two: Jesus expects nothing less than being first in your life. What does that mean? How is it expressed in your daily life, in your family, at work?

Three: What pressure do you face from those who do not walk with Christ? How do you handle it? How should handle it?

LOOK FORWARD:

Seriously evaluate how you spend your time, money, leisure moments and your talents: are you fully committed to Christ first in each of those areas? How does it show? What changes do you need to make to ensure Christ is first in every area of your life?