



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Mark 3:7–21

Questions for the Week: When was the first time you responded to Jesus's call on your life? When/how have you continued to respond to that call? What specific moments have been memorable for you? What is the craziest thing you've ever done following Jesus?

READ THE TEXT – Mark 3:7–21

The Structure

1. Ministry Summary (Mark 3:7–12 // Matt 12:15 // Luke 6:17–19)
 - 1.1. Jesus *withdrew* with his disciples to the Sea (Mark 3:7; see also Matt 2:12, 13, 14, 22; 4:12)
 - 1.2. A large multitude followed from (Mark 3:7–8)
 - 1.2.1. Galilee (around the Sea of Galilee)
 - 1.2.2. Judea (South)
 - 1.2.3. Jerusalem (South)
 - 1.2.4. And from Idumea (South),
 - 1.2.5. And across the Jordan (East),
 - 1.2.6. And around Tyre and Sidon (North),
 - 1.3. a large multitude (Mark 3:8)
 - 1.3.1. After hearing as much as he was doing
 - 1.3.2. They came to him
 - 1.4. Jesus spoke to his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd in order that they might not crush him (Mark 3:9)
 - 1.4.1. For [Jesus] *healed* many (3:10; see also Mark 1:34; 3:2; 6:5, 13)
 - 1.4.1.1. With the result that they fell upon him
 - 1.4.1.2. in order that as many as having *diseases* might touch him (see also 5:29, 34; Luke 7:21; Acts 22:24; Heb 11:36)
 - 1.5. The Unclean Spirits (3:11)
 - 1.5.1. When they were seeing Jesus
 - 1.5.2. They were falling before him (Mark 3:11; see also Mark 5:33 // Luke 8:47; Mark 7:25; Luke 5:8; 8:28)
 - 1.5.3. They were crying out saying, “You are the Son of God.” (Mark 3:11; see also Mark 1:24, 34; 5:7)
 - 1.5.3.1. Title of the Gospel (Mark 1:1)
 - 1.5.3.2. Baptism (Mark 1:11; Ps 2:7)
 - 1.5.3.3. Transfiguration (Mark 9:7)
 - 1.5.3.4. Trial (Mark 9:61–62)
 - 1.5.3.5. Crucifixion (Mark 15:39)
 - 1.5.4. Jesus “rebuked” them in order that they not make him known (3:12)

- 1.5.4.1. “Rebuke” 9x in Mark (Mark 1:25; 3:12; 4:39; 8:30, 32, 33; 9:25; 10:13, 48)
 - 1.5.4.1.1. Jesus “rebukes” an Unclean Spirit (Mark 1:25; 3:12; 9:25)
 - 1.5.4.1.1.1. Silent and come out (Mark 1:25)
 - 1.5.4.1.1.2. Not to make him known (Mark 3:12)
 - 1.5.4.1.1.3. Come out (Mark 9:25)
 - 1.5.4.1.2. Jesus “rebukes” the wind (Mark 4:39)
 - 1.5.4.1.3. Jesus “rebukes” his disciples (Mark 8:30, 33)
 - 1.5.4.1.4. Peter “rebukes” Jesus (Mark 8:32)
 - 1.5.4.1.5. Disciples “rebuke” people bringing children to Jesus (Mark 10:13)
 - 1.5.4.1.6. Many “rebuking” Bartimaeus shouting for Jesus (Mark 10:48)
 - 1.5.5. Ordering that Jesus not to be made known (Mark 3:12; 1:34, 44; 5:43; 7:36; 8:26, 30; 9:9)
 - 1.5.5.1. Jesus is unable to rest (Mark 1:35–37; 6:30–34; 7:24)
 - 1.5.5.2. When Jesus is made known (Mark 1:45; 5:19–20; 7:36)
 - 1.5.5.3. Jesus invites some to go and tell (Mark 1:44; 5:19–20; 16:7)
2. Appointing the Twelve (Mark 3:13–19 // Matt 10:1–4 // Luke 6:12–16; Acts 1:13)
- 2.1. Jesus went up on the Mountain (Mark 3:13; see also Exod 19:3; 24:13, 18; 34:4; Deut 10:3; Ps 24:3)
 - 2.1.1. “Called” those he was wanting (see also Mark 3:23; 6:7; 7:14; 8:1, 34; 10:42; 12:43; 15:44)
 - 2.1.2. They went to him
 - 2.2. He appointed Twelve whom he named “Apostles” (3:14) in order that:
 - 2.2.1. They be with him (3:14; Acts 1:21–26)
 - 2.2.2. He send them (3:14–15; see Mark 6:7–13 // Matt 10:1–42 // Luke 9:1–6; 10:1–20)
 - 2.2.2.1. To Preach (3:14; see also Mark 1:4, 7, 14, 38, 39, 45; 3:14; 5:20; 6:12; 7:36; 13:10; 14:9; 1 Cor 1:23)
 - 2.2.2.2. To have authority to cast out demons (3:15; see also Mark 1:22, 27; Mark 6:7 // Matt 10:1 // Luke 9:1; Luke 10:19; Col 1:13; 2:10, 15)
 - 2.3. List of the Twelve (Mark 3:14–19 // Matt 10:1–4 // Luke 6:12–16 // Acts 1:13)
 - 2.3.1. Simon Peter always first – spokesman for the disciples
 - 2.3.2. Judas Iscariot always Last – betrayer of Jesus (Mark 14:10, 18–22, 43–50)
 - 2.3.3. “Twelve” as a Group in Mark (Mark 3:14, 16; 4:10; 6:7; 9:35; 10:32; 11:11; 14:10, 17, 20, 43)
 - 2.3.3.1. Appointment (Mark 3:14, 16)
 - 2.3.3.2. Receive Private Instruction (Mark 4:10; 9:35; 10:32–34; 11:11–14)
 - 2.3.3.3. Commissioned (Mark 6:7)
 - 2.3.3.4. Final Passover (Mark 14:17, 22–25)
3. Jesus’s Family thinks he’s Crazy (Mark 3:20–21)
- 3.1. Jesus came to a house (Mark 3:20a)
 - 3.2. Again, the crowd came with, so that they were not able even to eat (Mark 3:20b)

3.3. After hearing, (Mark 3:21)

3.3.1. his family went out to *seize* him

3.3.1.1. Arrest (Mark 6:17; 12:12; 14:1, 44, 46, 49, 51)

3.3.1.2. Grasp and then lift (Mark 1:31; 5:41; 9:27)

3.3.1.3. Hold to/observe (Mark 7:3, 4, 8; 9:10)

3.3.2. for they were saying “He is out of his mind.” (Mark 5:21; Isa 28:7; 2 Cor 5:13)

Activities and Questions this Week:

- Compare the lists of the Twelve in Matthew, Mark, Luke and Acts:

	Matt 10:1–4	Mark 3:13–19	Luke 6:12–16	Acts 1:13
1	Simon Peter	Simon Peter	Simon Peter	Peter
2	Andrew (Peter’s brother)	James, son of Zebedee	Andrew (Peter’s brother)	John
3	James son of Zebedee	John (brother of James)	James	James
4	John (brother of James)	Andrew	John	Andrew
5	Philip	Philip	Philip	Philip
6	Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Thomas
7	Thomas	Matthew	Matthew	Bartholomew
8	Matthew the tax collector	Thomas	Thomas	Matthew
9	James, son of Alphaeus	James, son of Alphaeus	James, son of Alphaeus	James, son of Alphaeus
10	Simon, the Zealot	Thaddaeus	Simon, the Zealot	Simon, the Zealot
11	Thaddaeus	Simon the Zealot	Judas, son of James	Judas son of James
12	Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him	Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him	Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor	

- Notice that Mark 3:7–21 begins and ends with hearing and touch.
 - The crowds hear about Jesus (Mark 3:8) and touch him (Mark 3:10)
 - Jesus’s family hears about his appointment of the Twelve (Mark 3:21) and went to “seize” him (Mark 3:21)
 - Spend some time reading and reflecting on the occasions when people touched or were touched by Jesus. Place yourself in the story as the person touching Jesus or as someone observing:
 - Those who want to “touch” Jesus
 - Those with diseases (Mark 3:10 // Luke 6:19)
 - Hemorrhaging woman (Mark 5:27, 28, 30, 31 // Matt 9:20, 21 // Luke 8:44, 45, 46, 47)
 - The sick (Mark 6:56[x2] // Matt 14:36)

- People bringing children (Mark 10:13–16 // Luke 18:15–17, esp. 18:15)
- Sinner Woman (Luke 7:39)
- Mary after the Resurrection (John 20:17)
- Jesus touched those who needed healing:
 - Leper (Mark 1:41 // Matt 8:3 // Luke 5:13)
 - Peter’s Mother-in-Law (Matt 8:15 // Mark 1:31 [κρατέω])
 - Deaf man (Mark 7:31–37, see esp. 7:33)
 - Blind Man (Mark 8:22–26, see esp. 8:22 // Matt 9:27–31 //)
 - Blind Men (Matt 20:29–34, see esp. Matt 20:34 // Mark 10:46–52 // Luke 18:35–43)
 - The bier of the dead young man of the widow (Luke 7:14)
 - The temple guard who had his ear cut off by Peter at the arrest (Luke 22:51)
- Jesus touched
 - The disciples who witnessed the transfiguration (Matt 17:7)
- Seize (Mark 3:21)
 - Jesus “grasped” the little girl’s hand raising her (Matt 9:25 // Mark 5:41)
 - Jesus “grasped” the boy’s hand raising him up (Mark 9:27)
 - Attempts to “arrest” Jesus (Mark 12:12; 14:1, 44, 46, 49).
 - “grasped” the young man who fled naked (Mark 14:51)

Weekly Questions:

- What does this passage say about God?
- What stood out to you from the text this week?
- What does this text say about the Lord’s reign and what it means to be his set apart people?
- Who are the characters of this story?
- What does this passage invite us to:
 - Do?
 - Think?
 - Feel?
- How did the sermon or passage encourage you to Love God and Love People?
- Which characters do you identify with most in the story? Why?