

Our Relationship With Jesus: His Followers Are Family

Mark 3:20-21, 31-35

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- Last Week: **Mark 3:22-30** His Followers Are Forgiven

4 Sermons On Our Relationship With Jesus-

- Fan, Follower, Or Friend (**Mark 3:7-12**)
- His Followers Are Invited On His Mission (**Mark 3:13-19**)
- His Followers Are Forgiven (**Mark 3:22-30**)
- **His Followers Are Family (Mark 3:20-21, 31-36)**

**Markian Sandwich* A-B-A*

How Not To Be Jesus' Family

"...they went out to seize Him..." -**Mark 3:20-21**

1. So " _____ " That They Think He Is Out Of His Mind

- **ἐξίστημι** (existemi)- (from standing there) confuse, amaze, lose one's mind, be out of one's senses

2. In Mark 3 - Jesus Is Seen As A _____, A _____, Or As _____

- You Can't Get Rid Of The Gospels By Calling Them _____:

1. The Gospels Were _____ To Be Legends

2. Content Of The Gospels Is _____ To The Early Church Leaders (**Mark 3:21**)

3. Details Of The Gospels Are Consistent With _____ & History

3. Are You ' _____ ' That Assumes On The Relationship?

What Everyone Is Expecting/Family Expectations

1. Family Is Incredibly Important & There Are _____ For Family (**Ephesians 5:22-6:4, Colossians 3:18-21**)

2. Everyone Expects Family To Be _____ & The Crowd To Be _____ (**Mark 3:31-32**)

- But The Opposite Is True: _____?

- Family- **οἱ παρ' αὐτοῦ** (those coming from Him...i.e. those who were close to him, his family) -(**Mark 3:21**)

3. His Family Came _____ Him (**Mark 3:21, 31, John 7:2-5**)

- But They Must Be _____ By Him & _____ By Him

How Jesus Redefines The Relationship

What Does Jesus Mean In _____ _____?

- This Does Not Mean That He Was _____ All Family Ties (**John 19:26,27, Mark 7:9-13**)
- This Means That Christian Commitment Is More Important Than _____ _____ (**Mark 10:28-30**)
- This Means Family Lines Are _____ Than Your Direct Descendants & Bloodlines (**Eph. 2:19**)

Jesus' _____ _____ Is Seen In Two Ways

1. They Do The _____ _____ (**Mark 3:35**)

- What Is God's Will? (**John 6:29, 1 John 3:23, Romans 12:1-2**)

2. They Sit With Jesus As _____ _____ (**Mark 3:34, Colossians 1:18**)

- God's Will Is Defined By Jesus Christ

How Can We Be Jesus' Family?

- Jesus Suffered The Loss Of His Family In Order To _____ _____ As His Family
 - Jesus Suffered The Loss Of His _____ _____ (**Mark 3:21**)
 - Jesus Suffered His _____ _____ At The Cross (**Mark 15:34**)

Jesus' Family Grows Through Jesus' Costly Alienation From His Own Father (& Family)

Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. Do you have a family member who can be a little crazy?
2. What do you think Jesus' own family was thinking in Mark 3:20-21? How can familiarity with Jesus lead to thinking that Jesus is out of His mind?
3. What kind of family expectations are helpful and healthy? What kind of family expectations are unhelpful and unhealthy? How does the Word of God help us discern through this?

4. Jesus' followers are His family. What are the implications and impacts of this truth on your own life? How can you more fully enjoy the reality of being in Jesus' family?

Suggested Reading: *Leading On Empty: Refilling Your Tank And Renewing Your Passion*, Wayne Cordeiro

Key Words For Kids To Count: Family