

The Universe's Strongest Man

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Introduction:

Text: Mark 3:20-35

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Big Idea: _____ on the identity of Jesus will lead you into _____ victory.

JESUS CAME TO _____ A _____ (2:1; 3:20-21, 31-35)

- Jesus in Capernaum doing ministry (Mark 2:1, 3:20).
- Jesus “went home” and they were so busy ministering to a “crowd” they couldn’t eat.
- Jesus’ family shows up (3:20)
- Jesus had family that didn’t “_____” who He said he was (John 7:3-6)

JESUS CAME TO _____ THE WORK OF _____ (3:22-27)

- Jesus dealt with abusive and toxic people regularly—BUT THAT’S HOW THE ENEMY OF GOD ATTACKS _____.
- Jesus will not be detoured by their accusation BUT INVITES THEM _____.
- Jesus asks a _____ and then teaches with a _____ to bring clarity.
- Satan is strong, but Jesus is the _____!(24-27)
- **The point is: Satan’s end is coming. Jesus is stronger than Satan!**
 - **The Galactic War (Theology of Satan)**

“The heart of all this evil is idolatry itself. It is the de-godding of God. It is the creature swinging his puny fist in the face of his Maker and saying, in effect, If you do not see things my way. I’ll make my own gods! I’ll be my own god!” -- DA Carson

Jesus will _____ every sin except persistent rejection of the Holy Spirit’s conviction (28-30)

- Confusion about the “unpardonable” sin has caused a lot of needless confusion and guilt.
- Three sins against the Holy Spirit
 - You can _____ the Spirit, and that’s forgivable.
 - You can _____ the Spirit, but that sin can be forgiven.
 - But _____ against the Holy Spirit is unpardonable.
- **The only sin God won’t forgive is terminal _____.**

TRUTH INTO ACTION:

- Satan is strong and he holds every person born on planet earth hostage. BUT Jesus is the strongest! **LET JESUS SET YOU FREE!**
- A Christian cannot be owned or filled by a demon. **LIVE CONTROLLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.**
- Your body is like a house. If something dark is dwelling in your house, you can be certain it is destroying you. **IT IS YOUR BODY -- IF YOU ARE A BELIEVER, YOUR BODY IS ALSO THE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

CONNECT CARD NEXT STEP:

#1-Check your life to see if you have “opened” any doors or “unlocked” any windows making space for Satan’s influence.

#2-Let us know how we can help you and pray for you.

Pray first†



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up:

- Mark 3:20 states “Jesus went home”. Where is back home? What happened when he went back there?
- In Mark 3:20-21 write down what the “crowd...and they” were trying to do? Why did they think he had lost his senses?
- Mark then inserts another significant account with the scribes in Mark 3:22-28. What were the scribes accusing Jesus of?
- What picture do you get in your mind when you see these verses Mark 3:20-22?
- How did Jesus respond to the accusation that He cast out demons by Satan’s power?
- What does the parable in verse 27 mean for you? (review the sermon notes and write your answer)

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”
C.S. Lewis Mere Christianity

On the cross Jesus took Satan’s power away by dying for our sins. He is the strong man who has been bound. In Christ, we are to live free from guilt. Do you struggle believing the satanic lie that you are still guilty? What can we do to remind ourselves that Satan and his lies are powerless?

Closing Prayer: Thank for defeating our enemy Satan on the Cross and securing his defeat on resurrection Sunday. Guide me and help me to live aware of my enemy but confident and fearless in Jesus victory. Amen!

Resources: R. C. Sproul, The Gospel of Mark; Tim Keller, Christ the King; Life Application Bible Commentary, Mark; Jason Meyer, Mark for You; Gaebelain (Ed.), The Expositor’s Bible Commentary: Mark