

MARK 3 - Context

- The religious leaders
- The great crowds
- The appointment of the 12 Disciples
- The criticism of Jesus

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Mark 3:20-30

Family: "He is out of his mind"

Religious Leaders: "He is possessed by Beelzebul"

- Jesus' closest relations and the professionals from Jerusalem have no inkling of the truth

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Verses 23-27

Jesus' parables expose the absurdity of their accusation & provide another explanation

--The strong man is plundered

· Isaiah 61:1-2

· Isaiah 49:24-25

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Verses 28-30

Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit

1. The Promise

1 John 1:9

2 1 Timothy 1:15

2. The Exception

John 16:1-15

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John 16

Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is to reject the conviction of sin, righteousness, and judgment

- i.e. To reject the testimony of Jesus Christ

Hebrews 10:39