

## Mark 3

Love God by Loving Others

### Mark 3: Healing on the Sabbath: Blinded by Religion

**Mark 3:1** And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand. 2 So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him.

- Jesus enters the again; man with withered hand
- Watched closely to accuse: Knew He would gravitate to one in need!

3 And He said to the man who had the withered hand, "Step forward."

- To the man "Step forward" Lit. "Rise, come into the midst and stand there"

4 Then He said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they kept silent.

- According to their interpretation it was unlawful to heal on Sabbath
- To the Pharisees: Good or evil on the Sabbath? Silence [learned not to answer Him]

5 And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

**Looked at them with anger?** [Momentary] Toward religion your not entering/preventing others from entering]

- Grieved by the hardness of their hearts [org. Continuous grief]
- Stretch out your hand! Restored as whole as the other, made whole

6 Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, **how they might destroy Him.**

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light**, because their deeds were evil.

**John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was

God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the **light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.**

**Still...Jesus came into the world to save sinners...**don't harden your heart, today is the day of Salvation. Religion can't save but Jesus can and will when you ask Him

- Mark 3:1-6 Healed the man's hand... **Good or Evil on Sabbath?**

**Mark 2:6** Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him.

- **Pharisees plotted with the Herodians:** Supporters of Herod
- Puppet king of Israel appointed by Rome and descendant of Esau
- Pharisees hated the Herodians but plot together to "destroy" Jesus
- "My enemies enemy is my friend"

Because of the two incidents pertaining to the Sabbath day, these bloodhounds of hate got on His trail and they never let up until they folded their arms beneath the cross of Christ. This is the beginning of the plan and plot to put Him to death. JVM

## I. Great Multitude Follows Jesus

**7** But Jesus withdrew with His disciples **to the sea**. And a **great multitude** from Galilee followed Him, and from Judea **8** and Jerusalem and Idumea and beyond the Jordan; and those from Tyre and Sidon, **a great multitude**, when they heard how many things He was doing, came to Him.

- Jesus leave with disciples **to the Sea of Galilee**
- **Great Multitude:** All directions; all invited!
- **One day another Great Multitude will gather around Jesus!**

**Revelation 7:9** I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, **10** and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" **11** All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, **12** saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever Amen."

- Great multitude [Masses] came after hearing "how many things He was doing"

**So He told His disciples that a small boat should be kept ready for Him because of the multitude, lest they should crush Him.**

- Boat on hand: Best acoustics for preaching/ danger of not being crushed

**10** For He healed many, so that as many as had afflictions pressed about Him to touch Him. **11** And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell

down before Him and cried out, saying, "You are the Son of God." 12 But He sternly warned them that they should not make Him known.

- Sick would touch Him and be healed
- Demon possessed bow down "You are the Son of God" Warned them to be quiet:
  1. Witness of Demons was not needed
  2. Time had not yet come; i.e. hour of betrayal:

**John 2:4** Jesus said to [Mary], "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."

**John 7:30** ...they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.

**John 8:20** ...He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come.

- **3 years till that hour:** Prophesied precisely by Daniel; enter Jerusalem be crucified

**John 16:32** Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone.

- Now Bridegroom is Here...Rejoice

## "He healed many" Beach Party

**SUMMARY:** Great multitude: Touching Jesus for Healings, Deliverance,

### II. The Twelve Apostles

13 And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him.

**Luke 6:12** ...it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

14 Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, 15 and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons: 16 Simon, to whom He gave the name Peter; 17 James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James, to whom He gave the name Boanerges, that is, "Sons of Thunder"; 18 Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Cananite; 19 and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. And they went into a house.

- On the mountain **calls** disciples
- From the many disciples Jesus appoints 12 Apostles [Sent Ones]

1. **Be with Him**
  2. Sent to Preach
  3. Sent to Heal
  4. Sent to cast out demons
- **Call:** *proskaleō* to bid to come to one's self
  - **Appoint:** *poieō* lit ordain...to produce, construct, form, fashion, make, bring forth

## Appointed 12: Call, Make and Form

- Peter's fumbles, stumbles, foot in mouth, Thomas' doubt, James and Johns temper...

**Revelation 21:14** ...the wall of the city [New Jerusalem] had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

- These men would carry on what Jesus started!

### **Jesus Prays ABOUT the Apostles** [Read John 17]

**John 17:6** "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 7 Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. 8 For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. 9 "I pray for them.

1. Manifested: Made Your Name [Father] know to them
2. Father gave Jesus these 12 "out of the world" yet Jesus appointed them!
3. They were yours...they are now Mine. Given by Father, chosen by the Son:

**Mark 3:13** Called those He Himself wanted...

4. They have kept your Word
5. They understand that the things which I do Are the things that you do

**John 5:19** ...Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

6. They believe that the Word's I speak are Your Words:

**John 14:24** ... the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

7. They received Your Word from Me
8. They believe that I have "Come Forth" from You [Only begotten Son]
9. They believe that You sent Me

## "I pray for them"; i.e. the 12

### **Jesus Prays FOR the Apostles**

I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. 10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

1. Jesus prays specifically for the 12 [those that belong to You and given Me]
2. Yours Father are Mine and Mine are Yours
3. I am glorified IN them?
4. I am no longer in the world [last supper] I come to You
5. Keep those You gave Me [12] may have fellowship with Us; be one with Us:

**1 John 1:1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

**John 14:23** "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

6. I have kept all you gave me in Your Name [Except Judas as per God's plan]

**Jude 1** To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and **preserved in Jesus** Christ... 24 Now to Him who is **able to keep you from stumbling**, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, 25 To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

13 But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. <sup>20</sup>"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word

1. I pray they would have My joy fulfilled in themselves!
2. I gave them Your Word
3. World hates them as they hated Me
4. I am not of this world...They are not of this world
5. Sanctify [set them apart] by Your truth
6. Your Word is truth [This will set them apart]
7. You sent ME...I send them into a hostile world
8. For their sakes I set Myself apart that they may be set apart by the Truth

- Called disciples to mountain, chose Apostles on the mountain, went into a house

**SUMMARY: 12 Apostles:** Calls Disciples, Appoints the 12 Chosen by the Father before time and with free-will choosing to follow Him. From Great Multitude, Believers, Disciples, 12 Apostles, Peter, James and John...**turn the world upside down! [Right-side up]**

### III. The Unpardonable Sin

20 Then the multitude came together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. 21 But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, "**He is out of His mind.**"

- His own people; Friends from Nazareth heard He was not even able to eat...
- ...HE is **Out of His mind?** We have to get Him out of here. He had a good job...

22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebub," and, "By the ruler of the demons He casts out demons."

- **Scribes:** Satan's power; power of evil to cast out demons after casting out demon:

**Luke 11:14** And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled.

- **He has a Demon:** John 7:20, 8:48 and 10:20,
- **Worse yet:** He Has Beelzebub; i.e. possessed Satan himself

"It is supposed that this idol was the same with Baalzebub, the god fly, worshipped at Ekron ... who had his name changed afterwards by the Jews to Baal zebul, the dung god, a title of utmost contempt." (Clarke)

23 So He called them to Himself and said to them in parables: "How can Satan cast out Satan?"

- Jesus to Scribes: Get over here! How can Satan cast out Satan?
- Is Satan having a civil war with himself?

24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. 26 And if Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but has an end.

- Why would any entity destroy itself?
- Demons do Satan's bidding, why would he want to cast them out; he sent them in!

27 No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house.

- Only a power greater than Satan can cast out Satan

- Satan is strong but God is infinitely more powerful; My power is God's Power

**Luke 11:20** ...if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

- Still standing in front of the Scribes...

28 "Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; 29 but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation"— 30 **because they said, "He has an unclean spirit."**

- Whoever Blasphemes the Holy Spirit:
  1. Never has forgiveness
  2. Subject to Eternal Condemnation
- **Blasphemy:** to speak reproachfully, rail at, revile
- **Holy Spirit:** Reveal Jesus Christ; His person and His work

## Continued rejection/denying who Jesus is: God

**John 10:33** The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

**John 8:23** ... if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

Who do men say that I am?

"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." CS Lewis

## Continued rejection/denying Work Jesus does: Salvation/Atonement

**Acts 4:12** ... there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

**John 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the

Father except through Me.

- **Blasphemy of Holy Spirit:** Continued rejection of the Holy Spirit revealing that Jesus is both God and Savior "They said He has a demon"

**Luke 12:8** "...whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. 9 But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God. 10 "And anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.

- Spirit's will reveal who Jesus is and Work He does

**John 15:26** ...the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

**John 1:9** [Jesus is] the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

- Same sun that melts wax hardens clay; Pharaoh hardened x8 God hardened
- Eternal Condemnation

"Notice that these men had not yet committed the unpardonable sin ... Otherwise Jesus would never have warned them. By his own words, there is no use warning a man who has committed the unpardonable sin; he is beyond help." (Steadman)

"These words were never intended to torment anxious souls honestly desiring to know Christ, but they stand out as a blazing beacon warning of the danger of persisting in the rejection of the Spirit's testimony of Christ, until the seared conscience no longer responds to the gospel message." (Ironside)

**SUMMARY:** Heb. 4 "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts."

## IV. True Family of God

31 Then His brothers and His mother came, and standing outside they sent to Him, calling Him. 32 And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are outside seeking You."

- Jesus sitting in middle of multitude; point and say your family is here!
- Jesus did have brothers and sisters; Mary and Joseph had normal marital relations
- Mary, James, Jude looking for Jesus to take him home!
- Brothers not believe until after resurrection: John 7:5; then write James and Jude

33 But He answered them, saying, "Who is My mother, or My brothers?" 34 And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! 35 For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother."

- Jesus looks around the circle and invites all to be part of Jesus family
- Whoever does the will of God; believe in the One HE sent



**Matthew 19:29** ...everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name's sake, will receive many times as much, and will inherit eternal life. [Family of God]

- Jesus is inviting you to His family. **Choice:**
- Harden our heart: Eternal Condemnation
- Open our hearts to receive Him: Eternal Life