

**Jesus: Serving, Sovereign Savior
Rejecting or Receiving? - Mark 3:22-35**

Intro: Get ready for smear campaigns, negative ads, and accusations.

The scribes believed that bringing serious charges against Jesus was a good strategy to employ to destroy his ministry.

I. _____ of Jesus – Mark 3:22

A. A _____ Accusation – (Cf. Matthew 9:32-34)

B. A _____ Accusation

1. _____ by Satan

2. _____ from Satan

II. _____ by Jesus – Mark 3:23-27

A. _____ is Building not Dividing His Kingdom

B. Jesus is not Building but _____ Satan's Kingdom
(Cf. 1 John 3:8, Hebrews 2:14)

III. _____ by Jesus – Mark 3:28-35

A. Who Is _____ In God's Family – 3:28-30

The only unforgivable sin today is to not believe the Gospel message.

B. Who Is _____ In God's Family – 3:31-35

Jesus declares that those who do the will of God are those who are a member of God's "true family" (John 3:36; Luke 8:21; 1 John 2:17).

Conclusion: You may be at a crossroads concerning what you will do with Jesus. There is no middle ground. The scribes could not claim neutrality.

You cannot claim neutrality. You can only receive or reject Jesus as the Lord and Savior of our lives.

Small Group Questions

1. What are some examples in life that people might remain neutral over? What are some examples where it is impossible to remain neutral?
2. What was the goal of the Scribes by their accusation against Jesus?
3. Why did their accusation make no sense?
4. Read Hebrews 2:14 and 1 John 3:18. What do these verses say that Jesus came to do?
5. What was the unpardonable sin in Jesus' day? What is the unpardonable/unforgivable sin today?
6. Read John 3:36, Luke 8:21 and 1 John 2:17. How do these verses serve as a test for a person to know whether they have received or rejected Jesus?
7. How is God calling you to think differently?
8. What is God calling you to do as you go about your daily life?