



The Gospel of Mark Following Christ

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Jesus' True Family & the Beelzebul Controversy

Mark 3:20-35

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Theme: Skepticism from Jesus' own family and the outright rejection by the Jewish religious leaders result in Jesus' accusation that the religious leaders have committed blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. Jesus subsequently teaches that true spiritual relationships come not through physical ancestry but through identifying with God's will and purpose in the world.

Outline

1. Setting (3:20)

2. Jesus' Family, Part 1 (3:21)

3. The Beelzebul Controversy (3:22–30)
 - a. The accusation by the experts in the law (v. 22)

b. Jesus' refutation: Satan would not cast out Satan (vv. 23–26)

c. Jesus' clarification: Satan *is* being defeated (v. 27)

d. Warning against blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (vv. 28–30)

4. Jesus' Family, Part 2 (3:31–35)

a. The report about the family (vv. 31–32)

b. Jesus' response: His true family (vv. 33–35)

Takeaway: Jesus' conflict with His family and with the religious leaders of Israel reminds us that our *true family* are those who share spiritual allegiance to Jesus and to the kingdom of God.

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