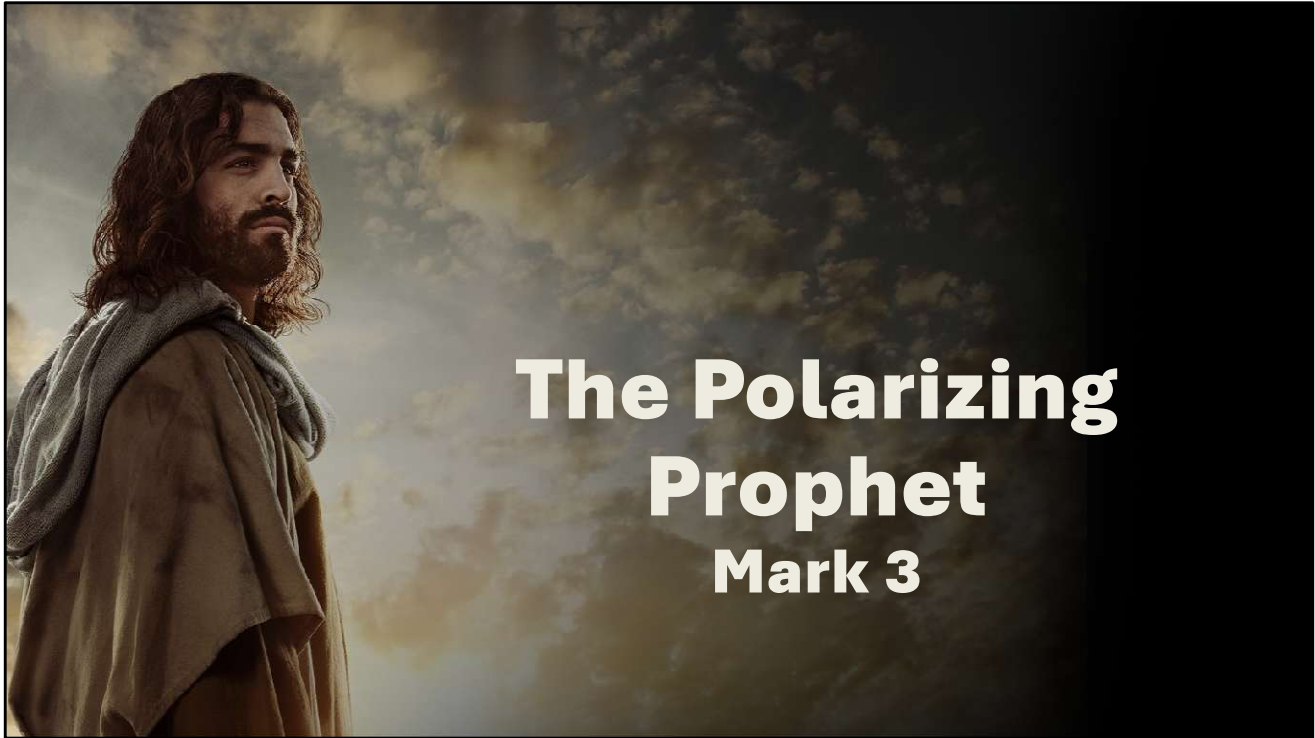




The Messiah We Didn't Expect



The Messiah we didn't expect – that's why Jesus became SO Polarizing!!

The Polarizing Prophet! Mark ch.3

The start of Mk.3 is still about the Sabbath! How did Jesus reason with the Religious Elite?

We're only into chapter 3 and already people's responses to Jesus go extreme!

We're going to study the whole chapter this Sunday, please read it a few times and what is the overall picture?

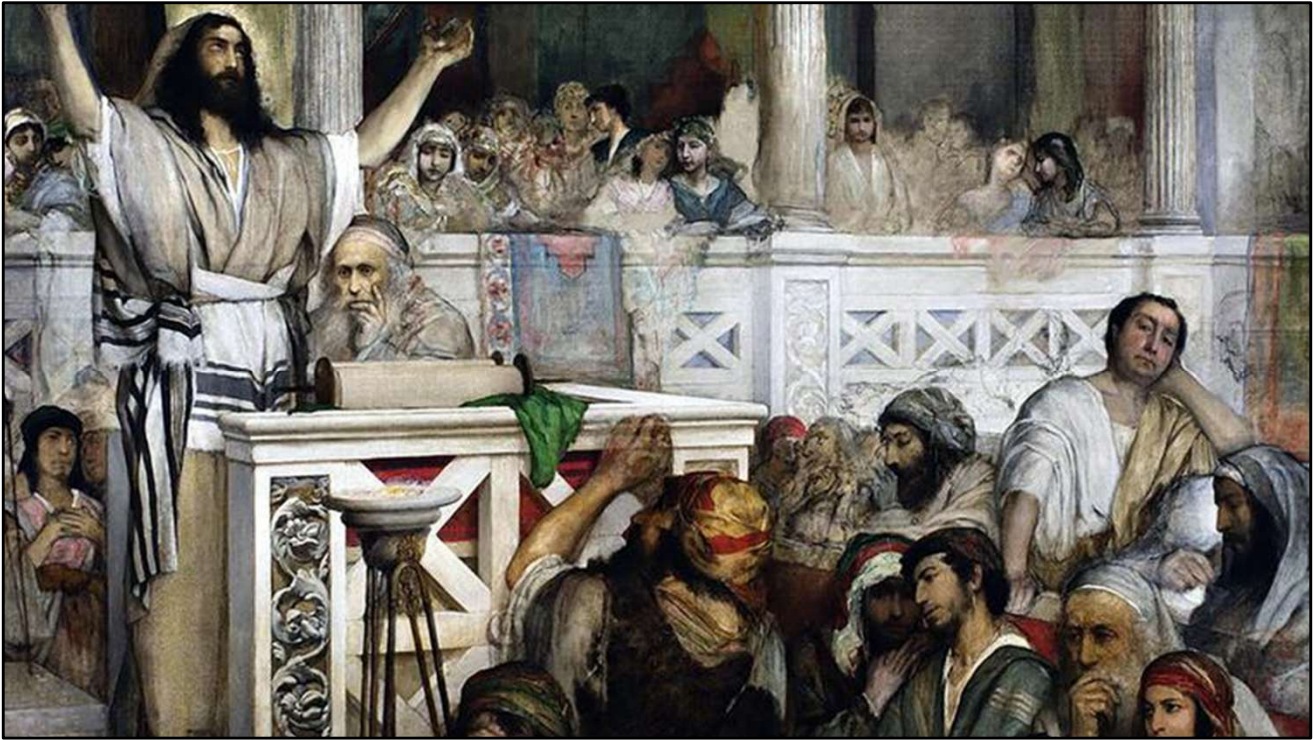
What are the interesting aspects of Jesus choosing His disciples?

Jesus gets extreme too! How? [Mar 3:29](#)

Jesus gives a shoutout to the Holy Spirit! The point?

Who are Jesus' family?

Prayer for LaTorres



[Mar 5:36, 38 ESV] 36 But overhearing what they said, **Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue**, "Do not fear, only believe." ... 38 They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

[Luk 8:41 ESV] 41 And there came a man named **Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue**. And falling at Jesus' feet, he implored him to come to his house,

[Luk 13:14 ESV] 14 But the ruler of the synagogue, **indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath**, said to the people, "There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day."

[Jhn 6:59 ESV] 59 **Jesus said these things in the synagogue**, as he taught at Capernaum.

[Jhn 9:22 ESV] 22 (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.

The Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath!

- Mark 3:1 – Again he entered the synagogue
- Mark 2:28 – “So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath”
- John 5:18 – This was why the Jews were seeking all the more **to kill him**, because not only was he **breaking the Sabbath**, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

Either we should gather for worship on Sundays OR Saturdays (Sabbath) or Both?
This would be legalism

The Pharisees had to decide:

1. Breaking the Sabbath was always sin, even if to do good? What about fighting/War on Sabbath? Family members bleeding out or heart attack?
2. Their additional teachings/elaborations on the Sabbath were flawless and infallible, Jesus eating grain. King Davids eating the holy shewbread
3. Jesus could've waited 1 day, or performed miracle for the next day or asked IF speaking is work? Then how do the Priests teach on the sabbath
4. Jesus asked them is it lawful? they didn't answer. No answers but plenty of criticisms!
5. Jesus addressed them in regard to the Golden Rule. What if this was you or your family?
6. The Jews then Intersectional collaboration with their political rivals and Even Rome OT violate their laws governing Justice and trials in order to Murder Jesus!! They break laws to stop Jesus from doing good on the Sabbath!

[Act 1:12 ESV] 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet,

which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

Sabbath day journey - set by **rabbinic tradition** at 2,000 cubits, which is approximately 0.6 miles or 1 kilometer

**Mark 3:
Jesus Heals a Man
With a Withered Hand**

7 Sabbath provocations!

- Mark 1:21-23 – Exorcism! No Sabbath concerns!
- Mark 1:29-30 – Peter's Mother-in-law! No complaints
- Mark 3 – Man with withered hand! “might accuse him.”
- Woman with 18-year disability - Luke 13:10-11
- Man with Dropsy (abnormal swelling) – Luke 14:1-2



The Sabbath WAS Important; Now the Lords Day is!! NEW Covenant!

[Mat 12:10 ESV] 10 And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"—so that they might accuse him.

[Mar 1:21, 23, 29-30 ESV] 21 And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ... 23 And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ... 29 And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her.

[Luk 13:10-11] Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself.

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12 When **Jesus saw her**, he called her over and said to her, **"Woman, you are freed from your disability."** 13 And he laid his hands on her, and **immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God.** 14 But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." 15 Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" 17 As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

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[Exo 23:4-5 ESV] 4 **"If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall bring it back to him. 5 If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying down under its burden, you shall refrain from leaving him with it; you shall rescue it with him.**

[Jhn 5:1-18 ESV] 1 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to

Jerusalem. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. 3 **In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed.** 4 5 One man was there who had been **an invalid for thirty-eight years.** 6 When **Jesus saw him** lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "**Do you want to be healed?**" 7 **The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool** when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." 8 **Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk."** 9 **And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.** Now that day was the Sabbath. 10 **So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed."** 11 But he answered them, "**The man who healed me, that man said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk.'**" 12 They asked him, "**Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk?'**" 13 **Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn,** as there was a crowd in the place. 14 **Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you."** 15 **The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.** 16 **And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath.** 17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working." 18 **This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.**

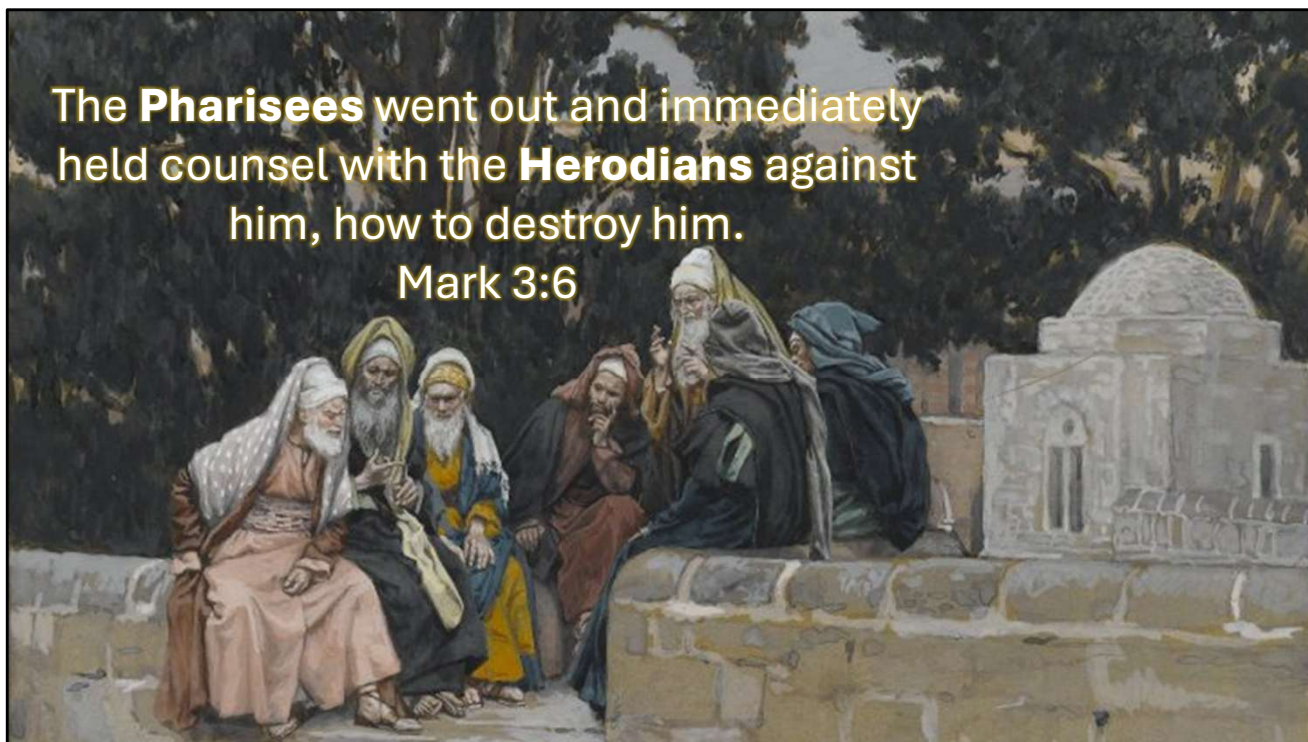
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- Invalid man (38 years) at pool Bethesda – John 5:9
- Man born blind – John 9:14, Exorcism – blasphemy
– Matthew 12



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Mark 3:6



Hardness of heart – the bigger problem!

- Mark 3:5 – And he looked around at them with **anger**, **grieved** at their **hardness of heart**, and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.
- Pharaoh Hardened his heart! “Stubbornly refused”!
– Exodus 7-14



Jesus was Angry! And Grieved! How often they go together!

Heb 2:1-4 Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. 2 For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, 4 while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Heb 12:25 See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.

Mans heart is set on Evil, self and rebellion. No amount of reason, rationality, visible proofs will say the sinful heart to Love the Lord. He loves only His sin and self!

[Mar 3:6 ESV] 6 **The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.**

Jhn 3:19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

Hate Blinds!!

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you are not swayed by appearances.

their hardness of heart.

[Eph 4:18 ESV] 18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

[Pro 28:13-14 ESV] 13 Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. 14 Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

H7185 - qāšâ *harden (12x), stiffnecked* *Pharaoh - Pride, Power, Personal will*

[Exo 7:3 ESV] 3 **But I will harden Pharaoh's heart**, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt,

[Exo 13:15 ESV] 15 For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'

[Deu 2:30 ESV] 30 But Sihon the king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him, for the LORD your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that he might give him into your hand, as he is this day.

[Deu 10:16 ESV] 16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.

[2Ki 17:14 ESV] 14 But they would not listen, but were stubborn, as their fathers had been, who did not believe in the LORD their God.

[2Ch 30:8 ESV] 8 **Do not now be stiff-necked as your fathers were**, but yield yourselves to the LORD and come to his sanctuary, which he has consecrated forever, and serve the LORD your God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you.

[2Ch 36:13 ESV] 13 He also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God. **He stiffened his neck and hardened his heart**

against turning to the LORD, the God of Israel.

[Neh 9:16-17, 29 ESV] 16 "But they and our fathers acted presumptuously and **stiffened their neck** and did not obey your commandments. 17 They **refused to obey** and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them, but they **stiffened their neck** and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them. ... 29 And you warned them in order to turn them back to your law. Yet they acted presumptuously and did not obey your commandments, but sinned against your rules, which if a person does them, he shall live by them, and they turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened their neck and would not obey.

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[Jer 17:23 ESV] 23 Yet they did not listen or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck, that they might not hear and receive instruction.

[Jer 19:15 ESV] 15 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, behold, I am bringing upon this city and upon all its towns all the disaster that I have pronounced against it, because they have stiffened their neck, refusing to hear my words."

[Jer 2:24 ESV] 24 a wild donkey used to the wilderness, in her heat sniffing the wind! Who can restrain her lust? None who seek her need weary themselves; in her month they will find her.

[Jer 2:21-25] [ESV] 21 Yet I planted you a choice vine, wholly of pure seed. How

then have you turned degenerate and become a wild vine? 22 Though you wash yourself with lye and use much soap, the stain of your guilt is still before me, declares the Lord GOD. 23 How can you say, 'I am not unclean, I have not gone after the Baals'? Look at your way in the valley; know what you have done-- a restless young camel running here and there, **24 a wild donkey used to the wilderness, in her heat sniffing the wind! Who can restrain her lust? None who seek her need weary themselves; in her month they will find her.** 25 Keep your feet from going unshod and your throat from thirst. But you said, 'It is hopeless, for I have loved foreigners, and after them I will go.'

Jer 2:27 who say to a tree, 'You are my father,' and to a stone, 'You gave me birth.' For they have turned their back to me, and not their face. But in the time of their trouble they say, 'Arise and save us!'

[Mat 19:8 ESV] 8 He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.

[Zec 7:12 ESV] 12 They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the LORD of hosts.

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[Isa 63:17 ESV] 17 O LORD, why do you make us wander from your ways and harden our heart, so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage.

[Heb 3:8, 15 ESV] 8 do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, ... 15 As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

[Heb 4:7 ESV] 7 again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through

David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

Pharaoh's heart hardened w/o God mentioned = 9x Heart specifically stated, 10x Plus, even after 10x He lost his army in the Red Sea!

[Exo 7:13-14, 22 ESV] 13 Still Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said. 14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go. ... 22 But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts. So Pharaoh's heart remained hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

[Exo 8:15, 19, 32 ESV] 15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was a respite, he hardened his heart and would not listen to them, as the LORD had said. ... 19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said. ... 32 But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and did not let the people go.

[Exo 9:7, 12, 34-35 ESV] 7 And Pharaoh sent, and behold, not one of the livestock of Israel was dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go. ... 12 But the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had spoken to Moses. ... 34 But when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunder had ceased, he sinned yet again and hardened his heart, he and his servants. 35 So the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people of Israel go, just as the LORD had spoken through Moses.

[Exo 10:1, 20, 27 ESV] 1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may show these signs of mine among them, ... 20 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the people of Israel go. ... 27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.

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[1Sa 6:6 ESV] 6 Why should you harden your hearts as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? After he had dealt severely with them, did they not send the people away, and they departed?

Heb.3-4!!

The ten times Pharaoh is said to have hardened his own heart

are: Exodus 7:13, 7:14, 7:22; 8:15, 8:19, 8:32; 9:7, 9:34, 9:35; and 13:15.

The ten times God is said to have hardened Pharaoh's heart

are: Exodus 4:21; 7:3; 9:12; 10:1, 10:20, 10:27; 11:10; and 14:4, 14:8, 14:17.

[Mat 13:15 ESV] 15 For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.'

[Mat 13:17 ESV] 17 For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

[Mat 13:22 ESV] 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who

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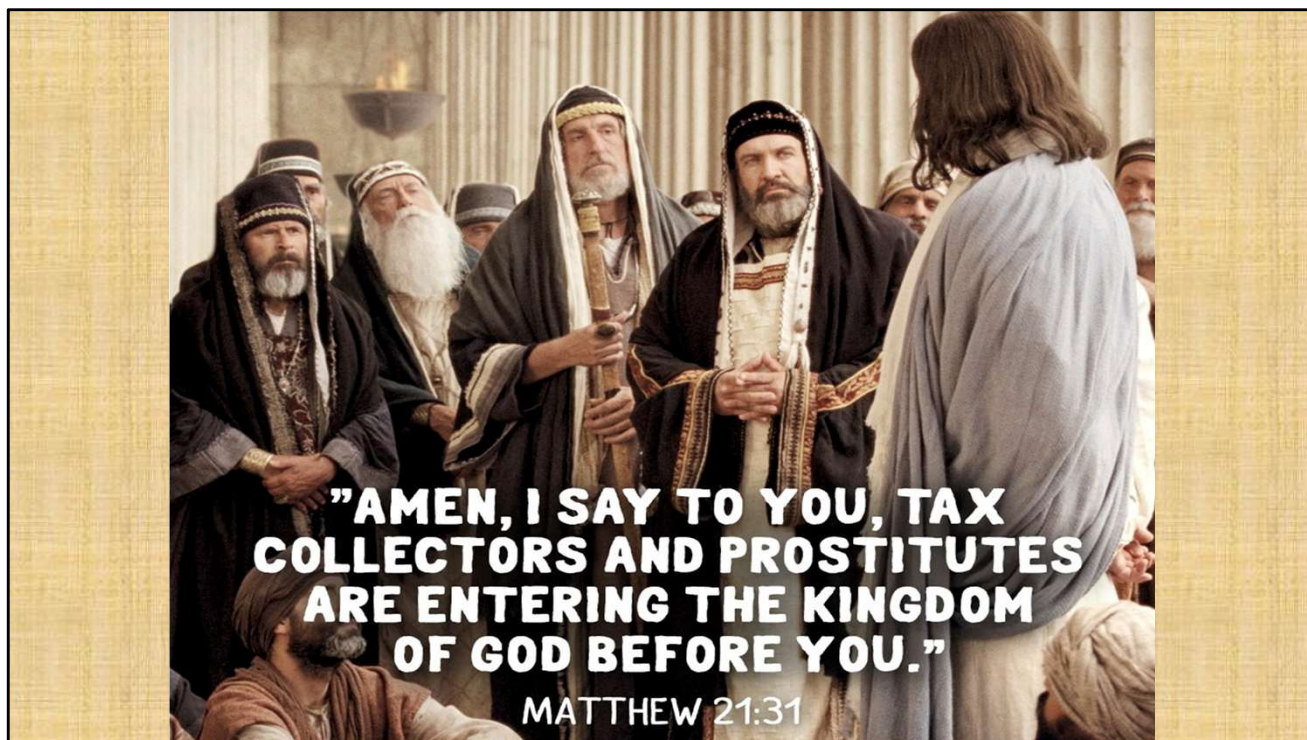
[Mat 15:19 ESV] 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.

[Mat 22:37 ESV] 37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Hardness of heart – the bigger problem!

- Stiff-necked! Donkeys in heat! – Jeremiah 2:24, Job 11:12, Matthew 19:8
- Kardia – Choked, Clogged, Plaque arteries! – Matthew 13:22





Mat 21:31 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.

Mat 6:2, 5, 16 "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, **as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others**. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ... 5 "**And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites**. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, **that they may be seen by others**. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ... 16 "And when you fast, **do not look gloomy like the hypocrites**, for they **disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others**. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

[Mat 15:7 ESV] 7 **You hypocrites!** Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

[Mat 22:18 ESV] 18 **But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites?"**

7x! [Mat 23:13, 15, 23, 25, 27, 29 ESV] 13 "**But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites**! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in. ... 15 **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites**! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves. ... 23 "**Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites**! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin,

and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. ... 25 **"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, **but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.** ... 27 **"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. ... 29 **"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous,

[Mat 24:51 ESV] 51 and will cut him in pieces and put him with **the hypocrites.** In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

[Mar 7:6 ESV] 6 And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

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The Real reasons they hated him!

- Mark 3:6, 11, 16 – The **Pharisees** went out and immediately held counsel **with the Herodians** against him, **how to destroy him**. (12:13)
- Mark 15:10 – For he (Pilate) perceived that it was **out of envy** that the chief priests had delivered him up.



'They hated me without a cause.' Jn.15:25

but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence Mt.23:25

Rom 10:1-4 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. 2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

[Mat 27:18 ESV] 18 For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.

[Act 5:17 ESV] 17 But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and **filled with jealousy**

[Act 13:45 ESV] 45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were **filled with jealousy** and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him.

[Jhn 11:47-48 ESV] 47 So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. 48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

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At least eight times in the Gospel accounts, people tried to seize Jesus and kill Him because of something He did or said.

When Jesus called out His hometown for their unbelief (Luke 4:16–30).

Jesus read from Isaiah 61:1–2 in His hometown synagogue and applied the prophecy to Himself. When people started wondering what was going on, He told them, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown.” He then went on to mention how God cared for foreigners, and not just the Jews.

When they heard that, they were filled with rage and drove Jesus out of town. They tried to throw Him off a cliff, but Jesus passed through the crowd and left.

When Jesus challenged the Pharisee's traditions about the Sabbath (Matthew 12:1–14; Mark 2:23–3:6; Luke 6:1–11).

The Pharisees had many traditions they followed, especially about the Sabbath Day. They added these traditions along with God's Word and enforced their traditions on others. However, Jesus would have none of it. He challenged their

traditions by showing that His disciples were not breaking God's law by picking grain as they walked through a field. He provided further evidence that His challenge of their traditions was right by healing a man's hand on the Sabbath. The Pharisees were so in love with their traditions that they began to plot how to destroy Jesus after He healed the man.

When Jesus placed Himself above the Pharisee's level of authority (John 5:1–18).

Once again, Jesus healed someone on the Sabbath. This man couldn't walk, but Jesus healed him and told him to take his mat with him—he wouldn't need it anymore.

The Pharisees confronted this man and told him, "You are breaking God's law by carrying your mat on the Sabbath." The man told the Pharisees that Jesus had healed him and told him to carry his mat. The Pharisees wanted to kill Jesus because of this.

Jesus told the Pharisees that their traditions were not greater than God's authority—and He said that God was His Father, which made Him equal with God. This only made them want to kill Him more.

When Jesus called Himself by God's name (John 8:48–59).

In another confrontation with the Jews, Jesus told them, "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad" (John 8:56).

The Jews mockingly replied, "You aren't even 50 years old yet, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I AM" (John 8:57–58).

That got their attention. Jesus said that He is the I AM—a clear reference to the LORD God (Exodus 3:14). Jesus made it very clear—He is eternal and powerful. He goes by God's own name.

The Jews picked up stones to execute Jesus by stoning Him to death, but He just passed through the middle of the mob and left.

When Jesus referred to Himself as being God (John 10:31–39).

Once again, during the middle of a discussion, the Jews picked up stones to stone Jesus to death. He asked them which good work from the Father they were going to kill Him for.

They said, “Because You are a man, and you are making yourself God.” Jesus replied, “Look at the works I’m doing. Clearly, God must be behind the message.” Jesus could do no miracles if God disapproved of His teaching. The mob ignored Jesus and tried to seize Him anyway—but once again, the Lord escaped.

When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11:45–57).

After Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, which proved He is “the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25), **the Pharisees** met to figure out what they were going to do with Jesus.

They decided that the only course of action to preserve their power was to put Jesus to death (John 11:53). From this time on, they looked for an opportunity to seize Jesus.

When Jesus cleansed the temple the final time of corruption (Mark 11:15–18; Luke 19:45–48).

When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem before His crucifixion, He went into the temple and drove out the merchants selling animals. These merchants were taking advantage of people by charging exorbitant amounts.

Not only were **the leaders of the people** robbing the people financially, but they were also robbing them spiritually. So, Jesus taught every day in the temple.

The leaders of the people wanted to destroy Jesus, but they could not because of the crowds of people gathered around Jesus, listening to Him.

When Jesus told the chief priests and Pharisees that the kingdom of God would be taken from them and given to another nation (Matthew 21:33–46; Mark 12:1–12; Luke 20:9–19).

Jesus told the rulers of the people that God’s kingdom would be opened to other people—not just the Jews.

The Jews would end up rejecting Jesus, but their rejection of the Messiah would be what sealed their fate and ground them “into powder” (Luke 20:18).

The leaders of the people wanted to seize Jesus and kill Him at that very moment, but they were afraid of the people.

If Jesus were walking around the earth today and teaching people, people would still hate Him. Some would even try to kill Him.

How do I know that? Because Jesus' followers are treated the same way.

Jesus told His apostles,

If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. (John 15:18–21)

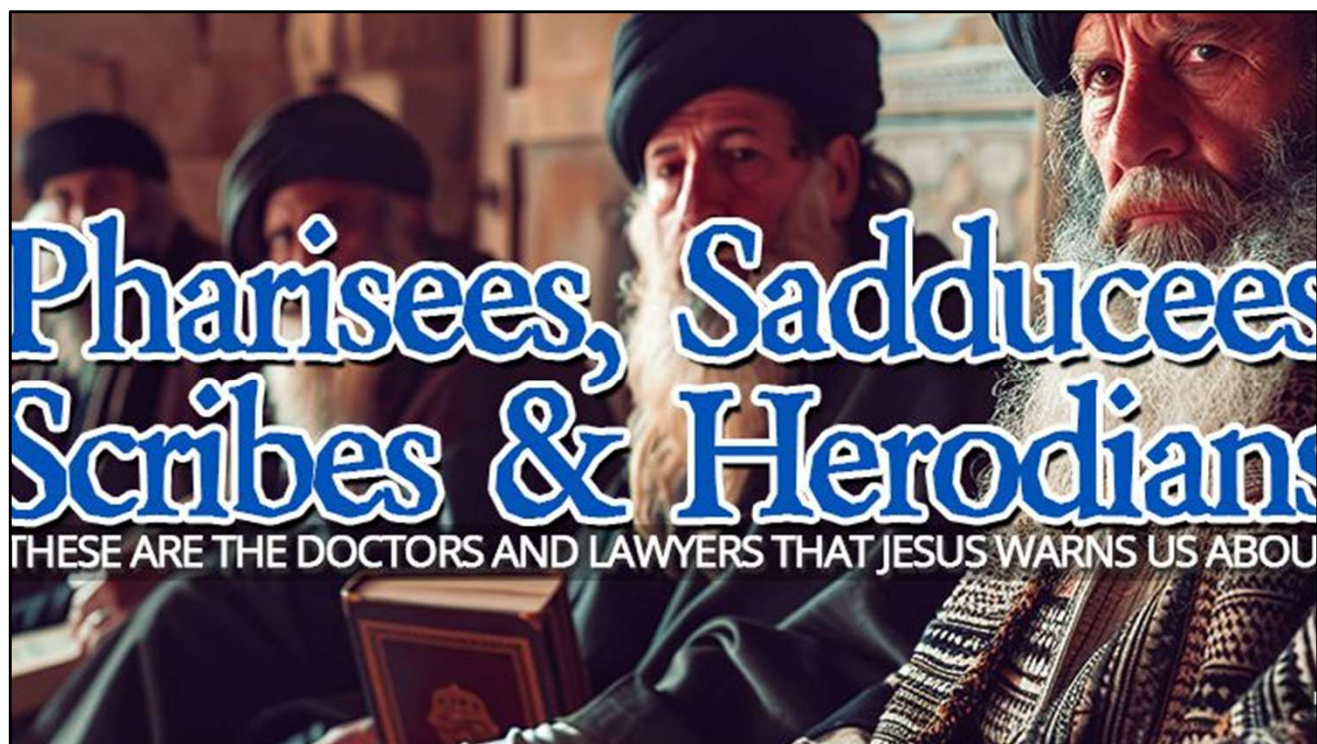
People wanted to kill Jesus because they did not know God. When people oppose Christ and His way today, it is because they do not know God.

<https://centeredonchrist.substack.com/p/8-times-in-the-bible-people-wanted>

The Real reasons they hated him!

- John 15:22 – “If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been **guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.**” Hypocrisy!





Strange bedfellows

Disciples or Crowds?!

- Mark 3:7-8 – a great **crowd followed**, 12x in Gospels, 3:9, 20, 32, **Crowd** 170x, Mark 15 **crowd** – “**Crucify Him!**”
- 7 Areas listed, revealing **Gods love for the world!!!**
- Mark 3:14 – And **he appointed twelve** (whom he also **named disciples**) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach ... cast out demons.

Crowds wanted something from Jesus: Healings, Feedings, Signs and miracles... They left Him over His teaching!! Jn.6

Disciples were called by Jesus! Other than Peters Mom in law, we know NOT of Jesus doing anything practical for them. They came and stayed for the Teaching!

[Mar 3:7-8 ESV] 7 Jesus withdrew **with his disciples** to the sea, and **a great crowd followed**, from Galilee and Judea 8 and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When **the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him.**

7 Areas mentioned

from **Galilee** (Israel, 10 northern tribes, Isa.9)

and **Judea** (Judah, Jews, southern tribes, Religious purity)

8 and **Jerusalem** (The City God has chosen, Political and Religious capitol, The Temple!)

and Idumea, (Idumæa (i.e. Edom, Esau) Ethnically Idumean: Herod's family, the Herodian dynasty, originated from the Idumeans, who were of Edomite descent. Alexander made him General/King

and from **beyond the Jordan**, the Wilderness (Ammon, Moab, Edom)

and from around Tyre and Sidon, 16 verses in the Bible! Mk.7:31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

Josephus tells us (Ant. 14:10),

That **king Alexander and his wife made him (=Antipas) general of all Idumea**, and that he made a league of friendship with those Arabians, and Gazites, and Ashkelonites, that were of his own party, and had, by many and large presents, made them his fast friends.

<https://www.thetorah.com/article/how-jewish-was-herod>

https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/stewart_don/faq/the-world-into-which-jesus-came/06-who-were-the-herods.cfm

Jer 47:4 because of the day that is coming to destroy all the Philistines, to cut off from **Tyre and Sidon** every helper that remains. For the LORD is destroying the Philistines, the remnant of the coastland of Caphtor.

[Mat 11:21-22 ESV] 21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you.

[Mat 15:21 ESV] 21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

[Mar 3:8 ESV] 8 and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him.

[Mar 7:24 ESV] 24 And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden.

[Luk 6:17 ESV] 17 And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and

Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon,

[Luk 10:13-14 ESV] 13 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 14 But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you.

[Act 12:20 ESV] 20 Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food.

Mar 7:31 Then he (Jesus) returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

[Jhn 2:23-25 ESV] 23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. 24 But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people 25 and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

Crowd 4128 πλῆθος plēthos, Mk.3:7-8,

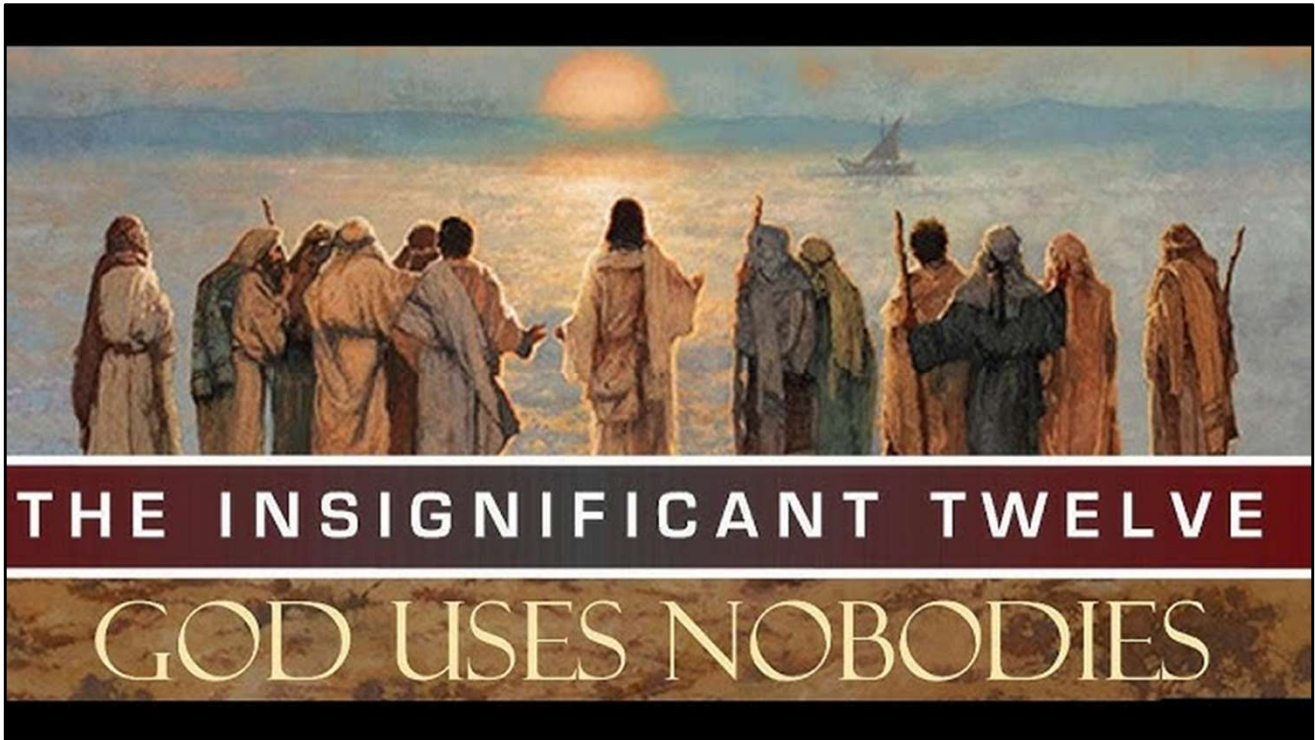
Crowd/**People/multitude**/Throng ὄχλος (ochlos), G3793 which occurs 175 times in 170 verses in NT, near 150x in gospels, Mk.4:25

Mar 15:15 So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

[Mat 21:26, 46 ESV] 26 But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ... 46 And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

[Mar 15:15 ESV] 15 So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

[Mar 15:11-15 ESV] 11 But **the chief priests stirred up the crowd** to have him release for them Barabbas instead. 12 And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" 13 And they cried out again, "**Crucify him.**" 14 And Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" **But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him."** 15 **So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd**, released for them Barabbas, and **having scourged Jesus**, he delivered him to be crucified.



THE INSIGNIFICANT TWELVE

GOD USES NOBODIES

Jesus specializes in using nobodys, making them somebodies

Destroy Him or Follow Him with a Cross!

- The **Pharisees**...with the **Herodians** how to destroy him.
- When **the great crowd** heard..., they came to him
- He appointed **the twelve**
- Mark 3:11 – **unclean spirits** cried “**You are the Son of God.**”



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[Mar 3:11-12, 16, 19, 31, 35 ESV] 11 And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." 12 And he strictly ordered them not to make him known. ... 16 He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); ... 19 and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ... 31 And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ... 35 For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

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Destroy Him or Follow Him with a Cross!

- The **scribes** who came down from Jerusalem, **Beelzebul!**
- **Whoever** does the will of God, is **my brother and sister...**





Gods 3 deadlines

the first is blasphemy against the Holy Ghost

The third deadline is for believers and is known as the "sin unto death," a final warning for unrepentant, persistent sin 1Jn.5, 1Cor.11

Don't test Gods generous and patient Longsuffering Love!!

Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit

- Mark 3:28-29 – “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, **but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin**”
- Matthew 12:30 – **Whoever is not with me is against me**, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

Actually,. You are out of your Mind! If you don't bow before Jesus!

1. The unforgiveable sin, Unpardonable is
The Holy Spirits work is bringing people to Christ!
2. In spite of the abounding signs, miracles and prophecy fulfillments, They not only didn't soften and turn they hardened
3. All those in the lake of fire have committed this sin!!

[Mar 3:30 ESV] 30 for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

Blasphemes

slander, detraction, speech injurious, to another's good name

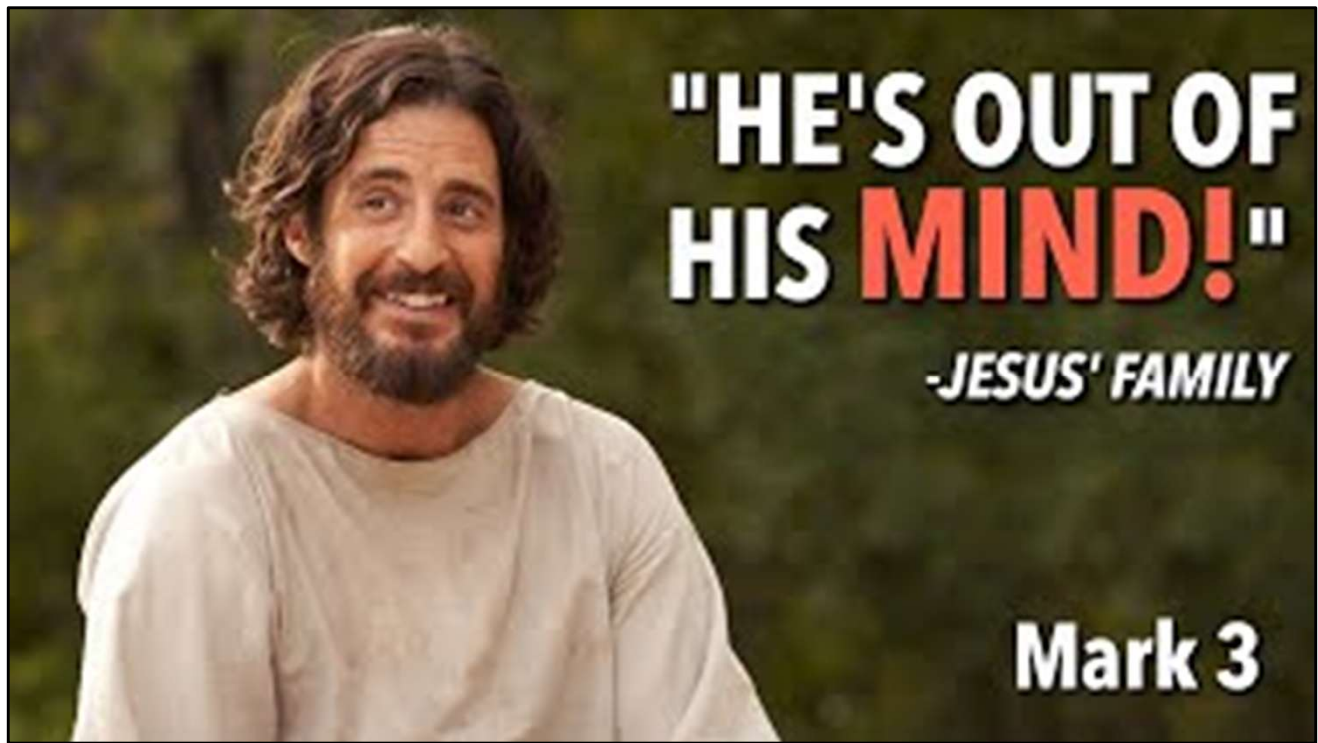
impious and reproachful speech injurious to divine majesty

[Mat 12:30 ESV] 30 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

[Jhn 16:7-15 ESV] 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him

to you. 8 **And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me**; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 **When the Spirit of truth comes**, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 **He will glorify me**, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

[**Mat 16:15-20** ESV] 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 **And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.** 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.



Even his family!!

Were they too familiar? Familiarity breeds contempt. He didn't likely perform miracles before His baptism

Were they concerned for His safety and wanted to protect Him?

This is simply proof that faith is not a mere result of intellect, reason and rationality. It's a conversion of the heart!

Jesus' family or Foes, which are you?

- Jesus had brothers and sisters???!!!
- The Immaculate conception! Perpetual Virginity???
- John 7:5 – For **not even his brothers believed in him.**
- Mark 3:21 – And **when his family heard it**, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “**He is out of his mind.**”

Mk.3 reminds us that you can personally receive Jesus' incredible healing (where'd they all go???), be humbled by His incontrovertible teaching, grow up with him and think He's crazy, Perform miracles in Jesus name and He not truly Know you, be fed the loaves and fishes and walk away because He says He came from Heaven

Believing in Jesus is a gift from God!!

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[Mar 3:6 ESV] 6 The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

[Jhn 7:3-5, 7, 10 ESV] 3 So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. 4 For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." 5 For not even his brothers believed in him. ... 7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. ... 10 But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private.

[Luk 14:26 ESV] 26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life,

he cannot be my disciple.

[Mat 19:29 ESV] 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.

[Mar 10:29 ESV] 29 Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel,

Matthew 12:46, Mark 3:31, and Luke 8:19.

Mark 6:3 and Matthew 13:55 name four brothers: James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas.

Views:

Half siblings – Mary & Joseph's kids Mt.1:25

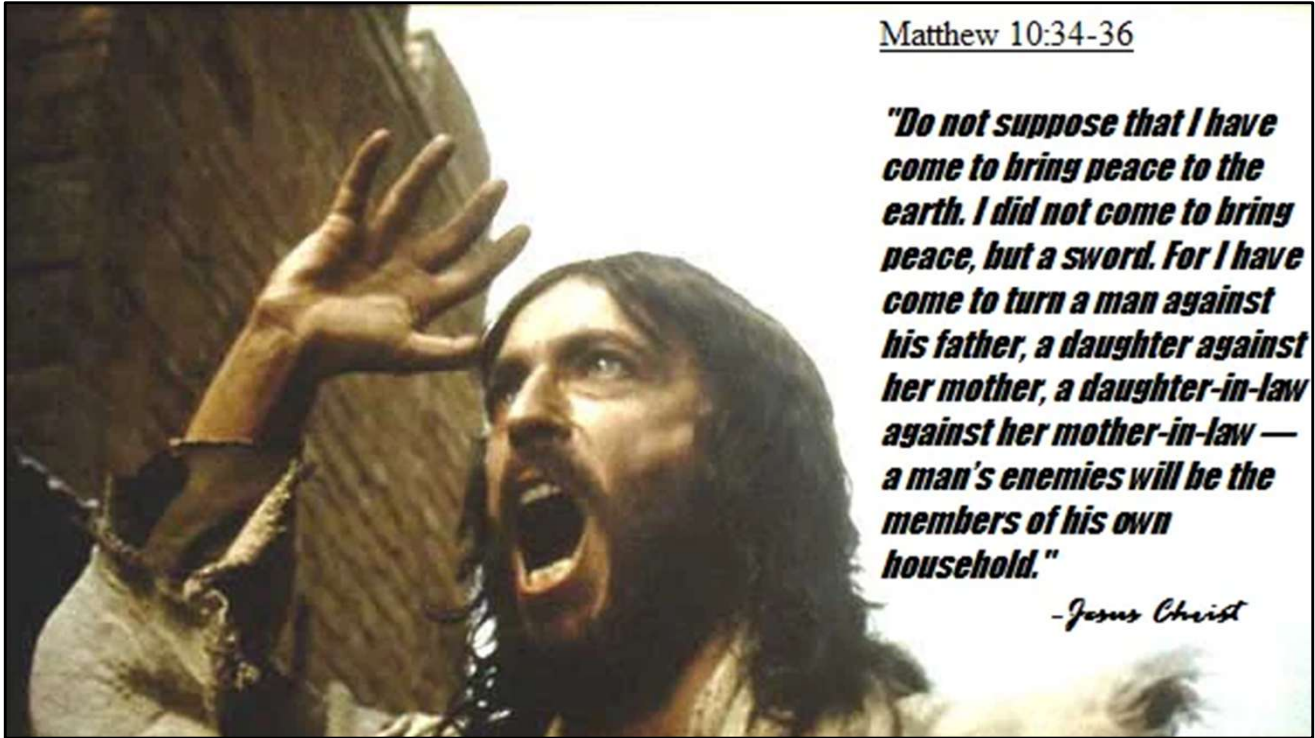
Step-siblings – Joseph's kids from another wife

Cousins – R.C. church

Later –

[1Co 15:3-7 ESV] 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that **Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures**, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 **Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time**, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 **Then he appeared to James**, then to all the apostles.

Act 1:14 ESV] 14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.



Mat 10:32-39 So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. **34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. 36 And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. 37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.**

Whoever is not with me is against me!

- There is NO Neutral ground regarding Christ!
- Those who met Him, were changed, transformed!
- Or they became murderous!
- After seeing what Jesus could do, who would oppose Him?
- Whoever does the will of my Father is my brother!!

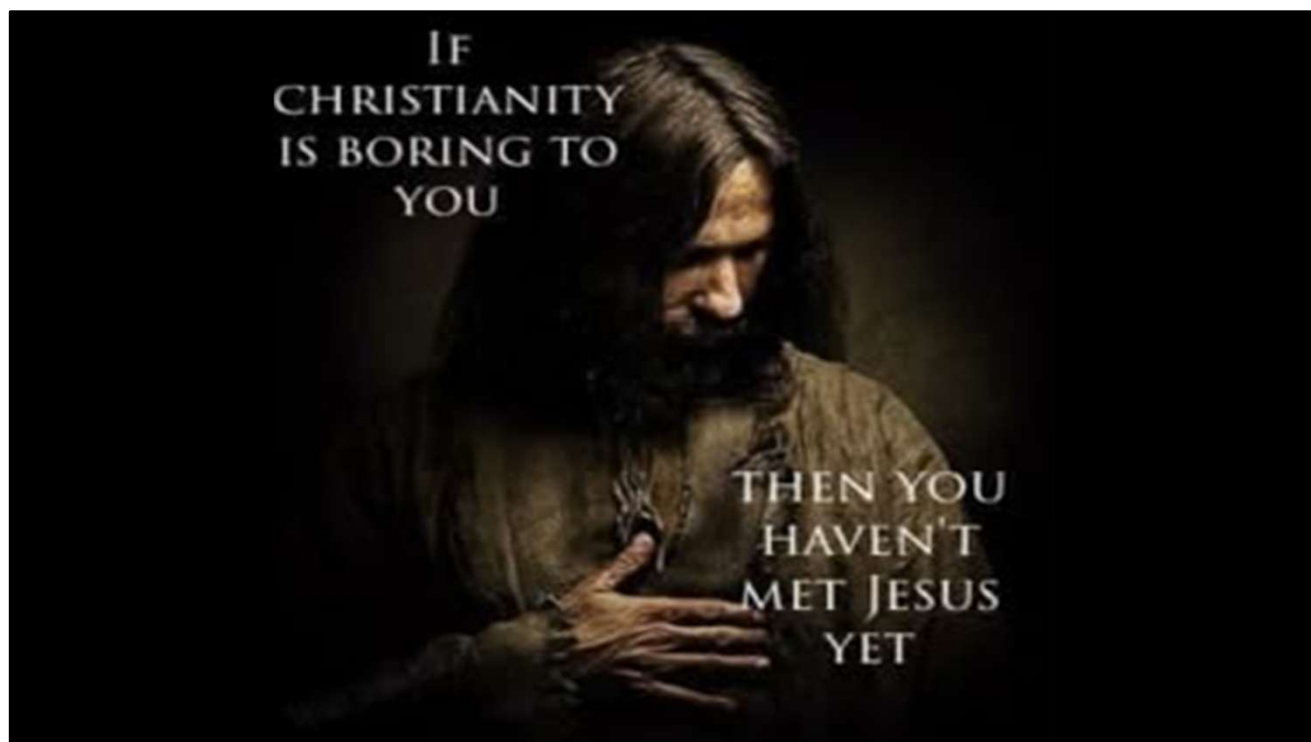


Martyrs or Murderers!

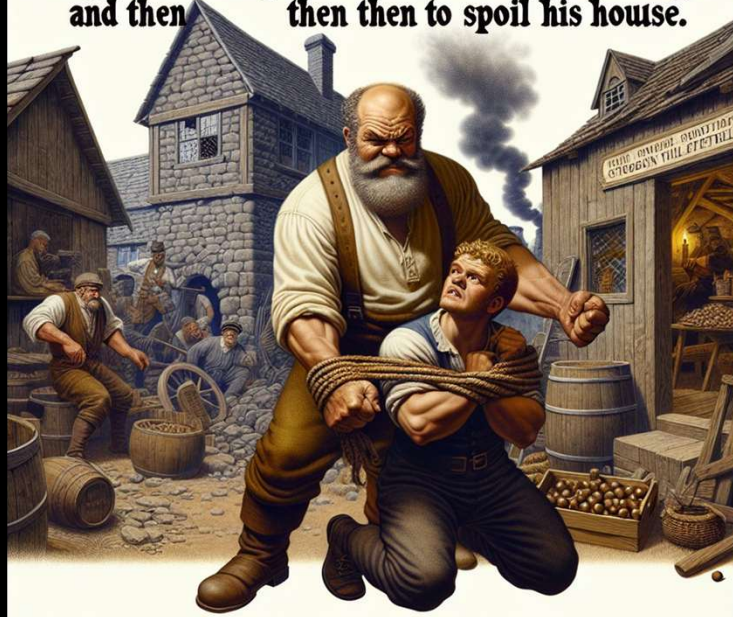
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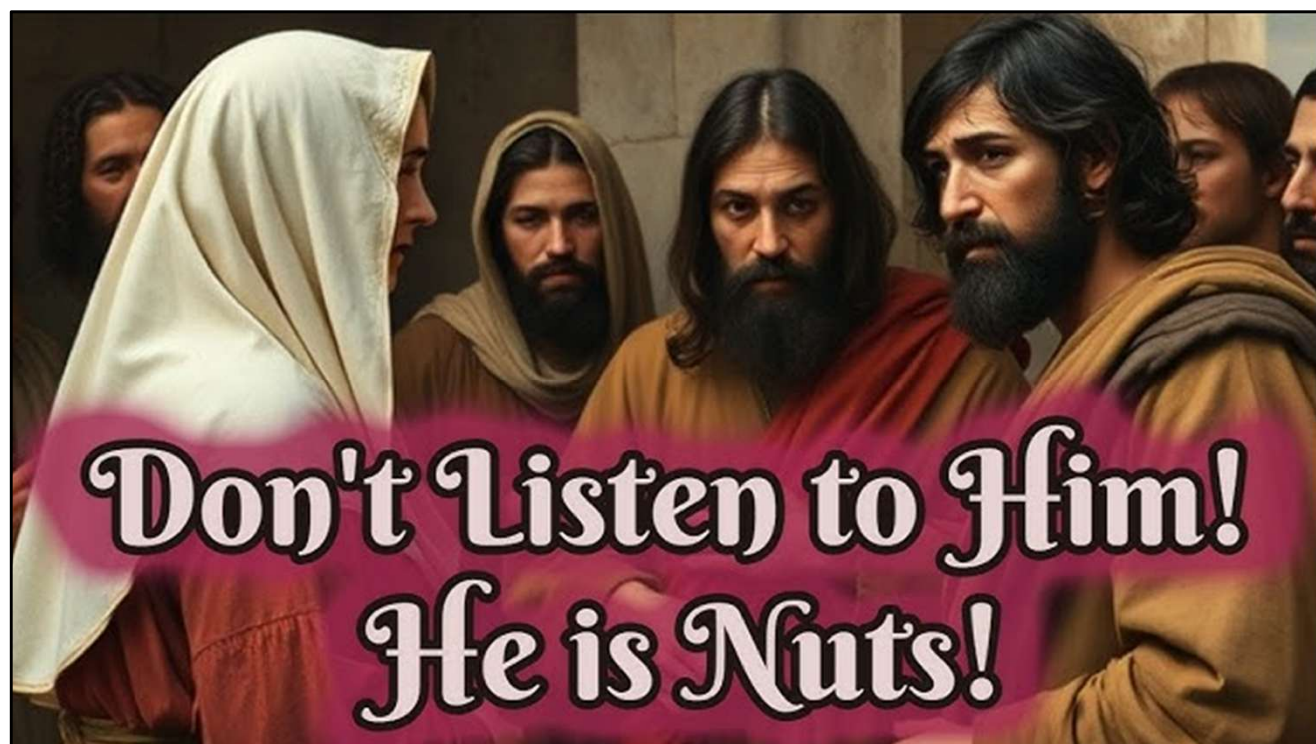
IF
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**No man can enter into a strong man's house,
except he will first bind the strong man,
and then he can enter and spoil his house.**



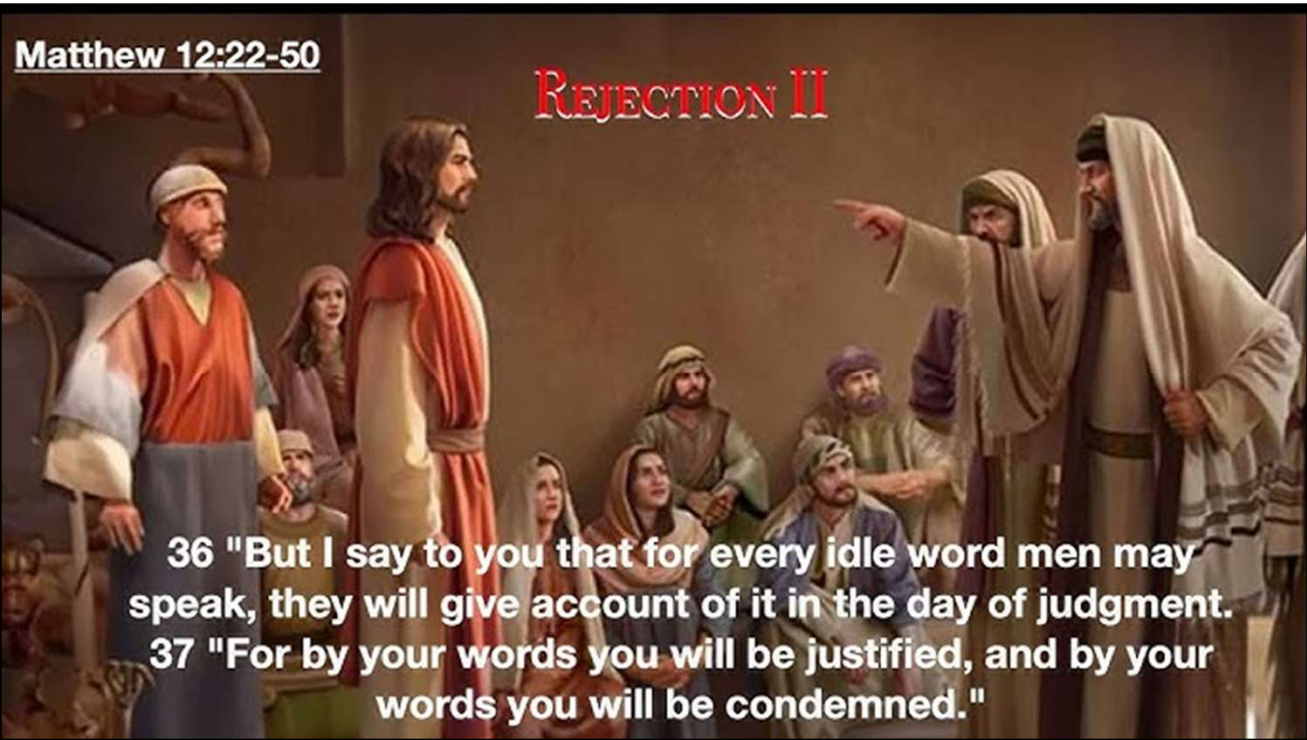




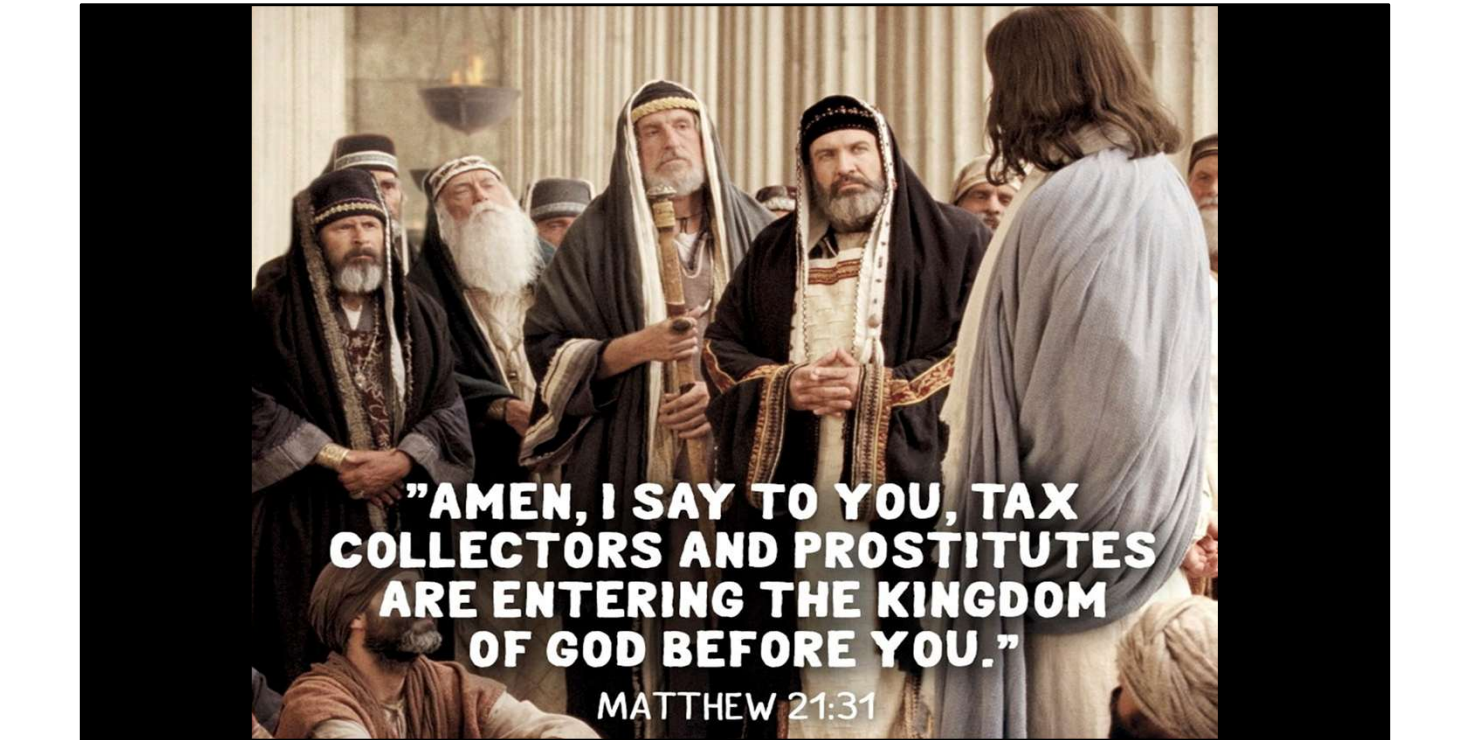
Jesus	Another comforter
"the world seeth me no more" (verse 19).	The world "seeth him not" (verse 17).
"but ye see me" (v 19).	"but ye know him" (v 17).
Jesus was with them at that time	"he dwelleth with you" (verse 17).
"I in you" (verse 20).	"shall be in you" (v 17).
"I will come to you" (verse 18).	"give you another comforter" (verse 16).
"Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:19).	"he may abide with you forever" (verse 16).

Matthew 12:22-50

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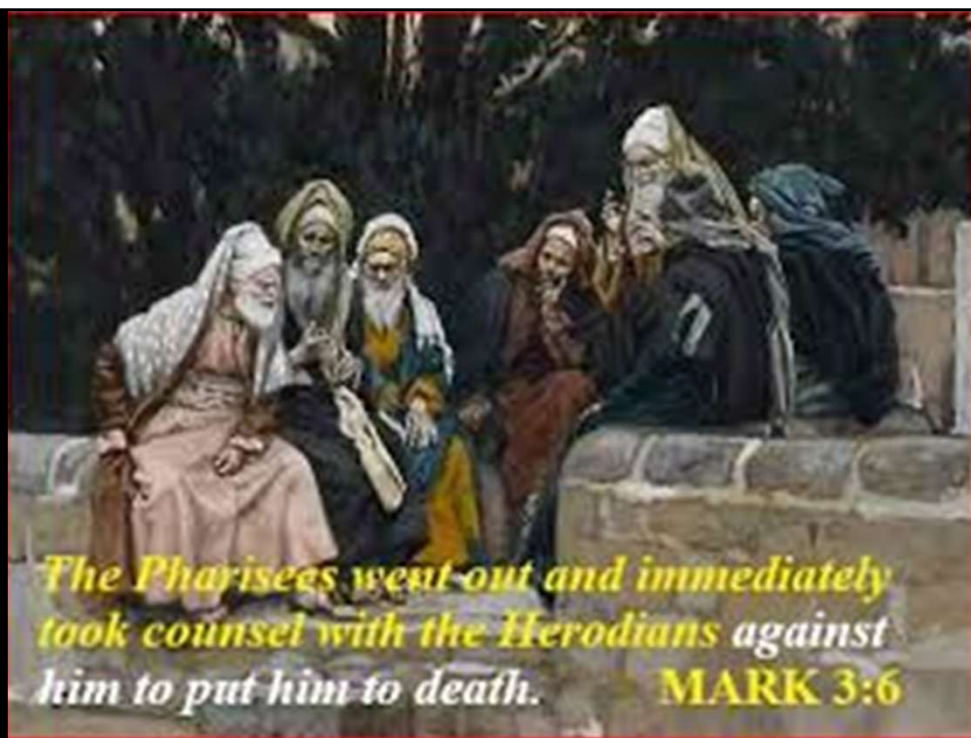


**36 "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.
37 "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."**



**"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, TAX
COLLECTORS AND PROSTITUTES
ARE ENTERING THE KINGDOM
OF GOD BEFORE YOU."**

MATTHEW 21:31



*The Pharisees went out and immediately
took counsel with the Herodians against
him to put him to death.*

MARK 3:6







What is the Sin Against the Spirit?