

WEEK 7 The Gospel of Mark THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND

Mark 3:7-34

Each section of Mark contains a series of incidents in the life of Jesus. Each one shows us something about who Jesus is — his power, his purpose, and his self-understanding. It is as if the gospel writer is pulling a cover off of Jesus inch by inch. Each story reveals a little more of who he is.

Now we seem to enter a new series of stories. Some have called Chapter 1 “Authority Stories” because they show his authority. Some have called Chapter 2 “Conflict Stories” because they show the wisdom of his grace over against the world's thinking and mindset. Beginning in Chapter 3, we see Jesus beginning the creation of a new community, a new people of God who will embody the kingdom of God. He builds this community through serving people, through teaching, preaching, training, counseling, healing, and liberating.

Since we continually will be watching him minister to others, we can always read with two practical questions in mind. 1) How can Jesus carry out this ministry in my life? 2) How can I carry out this ministry in the lives of others?

Why do you think this passage (3:7-35) follows Mark 3:6?

How do verses 3:7-12, in particular, contrast with 3:6? What is Mark teaching us?

Why does Jesus call twelve disciples? Why do you think that number “twelve” is mentioned (twice) as if it is very significant?

What does this section (verses 13-19) tell us about how we are to understand ourselves and conduct ourselves as disciples?

Why does Mark separate verses 20-21 and verses 31-35 by verses 22-30? Why do verses 28-29 cause people trouble? How can you answer the problems?

What does Jesus in verses 20-21 and 31-35 tell us about who is in his family?
What are the practical implications for us?

How does Jesus' statement about His spiritual family being those who do the will of God function as motivation for world missions?

Go back through Mark 3:7-34 and put a star next to the phrase or verse that is most encouraging to you. Consider memorizing this verse.

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#10 Defining Christianity- Chris Brown Mark 3:7-21

<https://vimeo.com/322535021>

Outline and Discussion Guide

<http://sermons.northcoastchurch.com/notesheets/2019/mrk10.pdf>

#11 Crazy God - Larry Osborne- Mark 3:20-35

<https://vimeo.com/324762375>

Outline and Discussion Guide

<http://sermons.northcoastchurch.com/notesheets/2019/mrk11.pdf>

Gospel of Mark 2:23- 3:12

<https://youtu.be/pA2lduwfzyl>

Gospel of Mark 3:13-35

<https://youtu.be/c776iNk7KY8>



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THE END OF THE BEGINNING

We all have embarrassing moments we can laugh about—later. There are shameful moments that we would give anything to undo. But while our pasts remind us, they don't have to define us.

Discussion Questions

1. What are some characteristics of someone who knows they are forgiven?
2. Read Mark 14:66–72.
 - What stands out to you?
 - Do you ever wonder if God could really forgive you for everything?
3. Read John 21:1–19.
 - What stands out to you?
 - Notice the invitation Jesus extends to Peter in verse 19. What did that represent for Peter?
4. In his letter to first-century Christians, most of whom he never met, Peter writes: "He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross..." Peter was convinced that Jesus's death paid for your sin. What convinced him? Are you convinced?