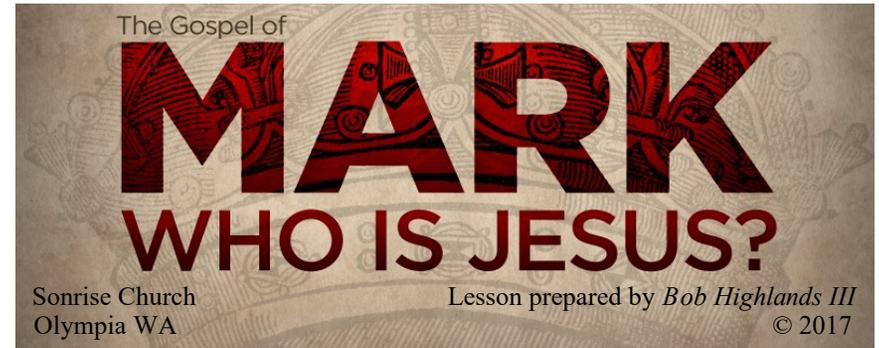


- ❑ How can dealing with a family of non-believers be one of the biggest obstacles

List the three accusations brought against Jesus in the section covered by this lesson.

- 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
- ❑ How are they similar to each other?
  - ❑ How are they different from each other?
  - ❑ Why are they effective tools for evil and hard to deal with?
  - ❑ How is this like what we see in political infighting in today's world?
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  - ❑ Why would these not be acceptable attacks especially among followers' of Christ?



### MARK 3.7-35 MAKING TOUGH CHOICES

It is never easy making hard choices. That is why they are called hard choices. Planning to be successful is always complicated by the world we live in, the people we meet and our family. Jesus was no exception to any of these. Zig Ziglar the motivational speaker once said, "It's not what happens to you that matters. It's how you respond to what happens to you that makes a difference." Jesus shows us how to respond to what happens and why that makes all the difference in the world.

**Read verses 7-12** Withdrawing to the SEA

- ❑ Vs. 7 Why would Jesus want time alone with his disciples?
- ❑ Vss. 7-8 On a map located the regions mentioned. Why is this significant, especially in the time of Jesus?

- ❑ Why were most of the people following Jesus?
  
- ❑ Vs. 9 What is Jesus doing here that believers should consider in their lives and ministry?
  
- ❑ Vs. 10 How is the response of the people different than that of the religious leaders?
  
- ❑ Vs. 11 What do the evil spirits do that separates them from the religious leaders and the people Jesus heals?
  
- ❑ Vs. 12 Why would Jesus accept the praise of the people and not the praise from demons?
  
- ❑ Instead of Demons how does Jesus want to be recognized? (This will become clearer later in Mark.)

- ❑ How has the tactics of the religious rulers changed from questioning Him at the start of His ministry?

**Read Verses 31-35** Dealing with FAMILY

- ❑ What do we learn about Mary when she gave birth to Jesus.? (Matthew 1.23)
  
- ❑ What do we learn about Jesus' earthly family here?
  
- ❑ Why were they there and why did Jesus ignore them?
  
- ❑ What do we learn about how Jesus views who is part of his spiritual family?
  
- ❑ Vss. 33-34 How does this apply to believers today and how they should view each other?

- ❑ The word blaspheme means to slander or speak evil of. A key to understanding this is found in Ephesians 1.13-14. The Holy Spirit is the deposit or the pledge that guarantees our inheritance of eternal life. How does speaking against or removing the Holy Spirit from the believers life become the sin that cannot be forgiven?

- ❑ See also John 3.18 & John 3.36?

- ❑ Vs. 30 What was the third accusation they brought against Jesus?

### **Read Verses 13– 19** Choices on the MOUNTAIN

- ❑ Vs. 13 How and Why is this selection process important?
- ❑ How many did Jesus call to here? (be careful and consider your answer)
- ❑ Vss. 14-15 What was the purpose of choosing the twelve from all the disciples?
- ❑ How does having a smaller inner group help Jesus long-term plans.
- ❑ Were these perfect people he chose? How do you know?

## Read Verses 20-30 Problems at HOME

When all else fails speak against the character of someone who you disagree with. Here there are three separate accusations brought against Jesus. Each one is unsubstantiated and hard to prove or disprove.

- ❑ Vs. 20 Where does this take place at?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ❑ How do the crowds interfere with the life of Jesus and His disciples?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ❑ Vss. 20-21 How did Jesus' family see his ministry?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ❑ What accusation has been leveled against Jesus? (who brings this charge?)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ❑ Why would they tend to think this way?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ❑ Vs. 22 what accusation is brought against Jesus?

- ❑ How is it like the first? How is it different?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ❑ Vss. 23-26 What important lesson here could help believers in their battle against evil?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ❑ Why is this response better than just denying the charges or accusation?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ❑ Vs. 27 What will the enemy try to do to believers so that believers can be defeated by evil?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ❑ Vs. 28-29 What does Jesus say is the sin that can never be forgiven.