

# MARK

Mark Wk 11  
Mk. 3:22-35

## General:

- Have you ever discovered that what you thought was the biggest danger wasn't actually the real danger? What happened?
- The scribes accuse Jesus of being empowered by Beelzebul, the ruler of demons. What stands out to you about the severity of that accusation?
- In verse 23, Jesus "called them to Himself" before responding. What does that reveal about the way Jesus engages those who oppose Him?
- Jesus responds with parables and illustrations rather than a direct argument. Why do you think He chose to teach this way?
- In verse 24, Jesus says a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. Where do you see division creating instability in families, churches, communities, or even your own life?
- Pastor Chip emphasized that one role of the Holy Spirit is to point people to Jesus. Why is that important when trying to discern what is truly from God?
- In verses 33-35, Jesus redefines family around those who do the will of God. What do you think He is teaching about belonging and identity?
- How has your family (whether biological or spiritual) shaped your faith journey?

**Take Home 1:** We must be aware of a dangerous symptom that can manifest in religious systems—moral inversion (Mk. 3:22)

- The scribes were so committed to their system that they missed the clear work of God happening right in front of them. How can strong loyalties, traditions, or assumptions sometimes keep us from recognizing what God is doing?
- Where do you see people becoming more loyal to a cause, position, ideology, or preference than to Jesus Himself?
- Pastor Chip said: “We’re in trouble when useful evil becomes acceptable.” What do you think he meant by that, and where do you see that temptation in your own life?
- How can we guard against slowly redefining good and evil based on what benefits us rather than what honors God?

**Take Home 2:** Understand there is a spiritual war that me is going on, but Jesus has already won(Mk. 3:27)

- Do you genuinely believe that Jesus has already secured the victory over sin, death, and Satan? Why or why not?
- How do we live with confidence in Christ’s victory while still experiencing spiritual battles, suffering, and hardship?
- Pastor Chip made the statement: “We’re fight from victory, not for victory.” How does that perspective change the way you face challenges, temptations, or fears?
- What battle are you facing that needs to be viewed through the lens of Christ’s victory?

**Take Home 3:** Let’s make sure we truly understand what is the unforgivable sin (Mk. 3:29-30)

- Pastor Chip taught that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is the willfull rejection of Jesus and His work. Why is that different from doubt, questions, or seasons of struggle?
- Jesus forces every person to answer the question, “Who do you say that I am?” How would you answer that question today?
- If someone looked at your priorities, decisions, relationships, and habits, what evidence would they see of your answer?