

MESSAGE NOTES

October 09, 2011

His Family, Our Hope

#5 The Reason for Hope Series

Mark 3:7-35

The Setting (vv. 7-12)

I. Jesus Calls the Twelve (vv. 13-19)

II. Jesus Faces Resistance and Opposition (vv. 20-30)

III. Jesus Defines His True Family (vv. 31-35)

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MONDAY

Read Mark 3:1–12. In vv. 7–12, who is coming to Jesus and why? From where are they coming? How does Jesus ask for help from His disciples and why? What is significant about the proclamation that the unclean spirits make in v. 11?

TUESDAY

Read Mark 3:13–19 and Luke 6:12–13. What is noteworthy about Jesus' preparation for His calling of the Twelve? Whom does Jesus call and what was their twofold purpose? In light of this description, what are some implications for you as Jesus calls you to Himself? (See Acts 4:13.)

WEDNESDAY

Read Mark 2:1; 3:20–21; and 31–32. Based on these verses, where do the events that Mark describes take place? How are Jesus' relatives responding to Jesus? Why are they responding this way? In what ways do you or others you know struggle with Jesus' message and method?

THURSDAY

Read Mark 3:22–30. What does the delegation of scribes from Jerusalem assert about Jesus? Why are they likely in Capernaum? (See Mark 3:6.) How does Jesus refute their claims and warn them at the same time? Contrast Jesus' warning in 3:29 with the apostle Paul's words in Ephesians 1:5–7. How do these two passages help us understand what Jesus means by "blasphemy of the Holy Spirit"? How can John 5:24 offer you assurance about your salvation?

FRIDAY

Read Mark 3:31–35. According to v. 35 and John 6:29, how can you become a member of Jesus' true family? Jesus draws a contrast between His earthly family and His heavenly family with His provocative statement in v. 35. Read also Mark 6:3; John 19:25–27; James 1:1; and Jude 1. How did His family respond? How will you respond?

WEEKEND

Reread Mark 3:31–35. As you consider Jesus' personal call in your life, how are you taking time to "be with Him" (v. 14)? Take time right now to be with Jesus: Read Ephesians 1 and respond in prayer. How are you following the example of Jesus and His apostles of reaching others with His gospel message? Write down the names of the key friends, relatives, co-workers, neighbors, etc., in your life and spend time praying for opportunities to reach out to them.

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