

# Mark 3:20-30

3 Hindrances To A Right  
Relationship With Jesus



# Context/Background

- Mark, very careful historian and recorder of Jesus' ministry and life
- Here, Jesus back in Capernaum, region of Galilee
- This point; Jesus growing in fame/reputation, ministry very successful
- Larger crowds and more people from distant places flocking to Him and Disciples
- As crowds increase, so does anger and confrontations with religious leaders

# Rejecting Jesus' Personal Identity

- (vv.20-21) Very busy time for Jesus & Disciples, many hurting people desperate situations
- Crowds so great, there not even time to eat
- Word about Jesus and His miraculous works spread all over and into outlying regions
- One group, Jesus' family: comes not to visit, but take Him home; see Him as being crazy
- Jesus' family concerned about His sanity and His being disliked by religious

- Matt. 7:21, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord', shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."



# Rebelling Against Jesus'

## Position

- (vv.22-27) Mark reveals, shocking exchange: religious leaders ascribe the works of Jesus to Satan
- Scribes, came 120 miles from Jerusalem to scrutinize Jesus; saw His undeniable miracles, yet instead of believing, demonized them
- "Beelzebub" - from "Beelzebub" (Philistine idol) came to mean "Lord of the Flies" It used as a name for Satan
- Jesus responds with 3 "if" statements and a parable
- Anything that is divided against itself.

- John 10:30, "I and My Father and one."
- "Some future day may yet arise when all reasonable chemical experiments fail to discover a pure chemical origin of life. A day may come when geological evidence proves a sudden appearance of life. A day may come when the very basis of evolutionary theory is proven wrong. In such a case some scientists may choose to turn to religion for an answer. Others, however, myself included, will attempt to sort out less probable scientific



# Refusing Jesus' Proposition Of Salvation By Faith

- (vv.28-30) Jesus goes on, references key concept of NT
- Bible assures all sin can be forgiven; all can be cleansed and be in right relationship with Jesus (1 John 1:9)
- Yet, Jesus speaks of "Unpardonable Sin" (v.29) Much confusion; cannot be committed by born again believer
- Unpardonable Sin: continual, habitual refusing to accept Jesus' free gift of eternal life as revealed by Holy Spirit.

- Gen. 6:3, "And the Lord said, 'My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he indeed is flesh..'"
- Eph. 2:8-9, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of you...

