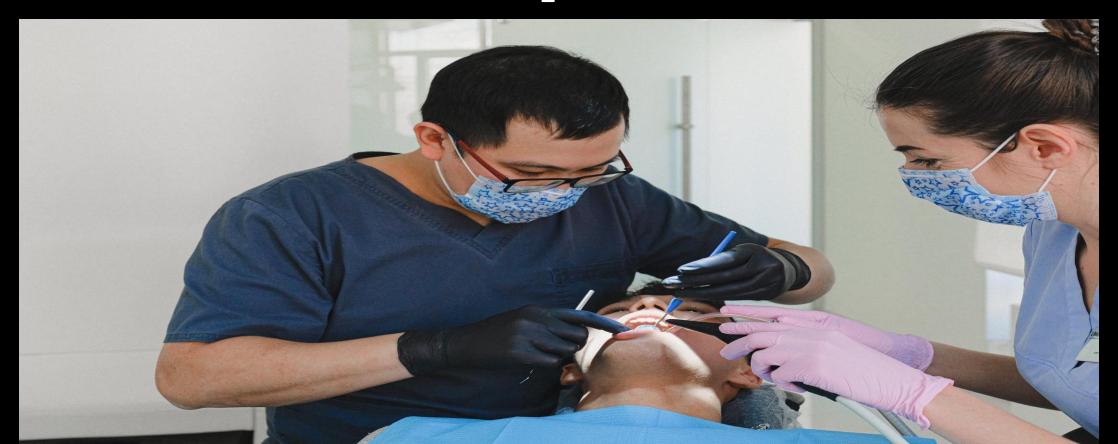
Mark 3:20-30

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

•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



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 "Beelzebul" (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

• 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



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