Jesus' Impact Upon Friends: Calling Jesus Mad and Insane Mark 03: 20–21

- 1. The crowd: Was so zealous for Jesus that He was unable to eat
- 20 Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat.
- 2. The friends or family:
 Acted in opposition to Jesus
- 21 When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."
- a. Heard of His behaviour
- b. Thought Him insane
- c. Sought custody

Jesus' Impact Upon Religionists: Calling Jesus Demon-Possessed Mark 03: 22-30

(Mt.12:22-32; Lk. 11:14-20)

1. The setting:

An investigative committee of Scribes gave their judgment about Jesus

- a. The terrible charge:He is demon-possessed
- b. The rebuttal by Jesus:A logical question
- 2. Jesus' First rebuttal: Internal strife always divides and destroys
 - a. Internal strife destroys a kingdom
 - b. Internal strife destroys a house
 - c. Conclusion: Satan would be destroying his own kingdom
- 3. Jesus' Second rebuttal:
 Satan's kingdom has been breached
- 4. Jesus' Third rebuttal:
 God's love is universal
- 5. Jesus' Fourth rebuttal:
 There is one danger,
 the unpardonable sin –
 ascribing God's work to the devil

- 22 And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said,"He is possessed by Beelzebub!By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."
- 23 So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan?
- 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.
- 25 If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.
- 26 And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come.
- 27 In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man.

 Then he can rob his house.
- 28 I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them.
- 29 But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin."
- 30 He said this because they were saying, "He has an evil spirit."