

**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*

**2. *The friends or family:***

*Acted in opposition to Jesus*

- a. Heard of His behaviour
- b. Thought Him insane
- c. Sought custody

20 Then Jesus entered a house,  
and again a crowd gathered,  
so that he and his disciples  
were not even able to eat.

21 When his family heard about this,  
they went to take charge of him,  
for they said,  
“He is out of his mind.”

# 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.”