

**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

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

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

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.”

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

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.

<p>3. Jesus' Second rebuttal: <i>Satan's kingdom has been breached</i></p> <p>4. Jesus' Third rebuttal: <i>God's love is universal</i></p> <p>5. Jesus' Fourth rebuttal: <i>There is one danger, the unpardonable sin — ascribing God's work to the devil</i></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>28 I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them.</p> <p>29 But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin.”</p> <p>30 He said this because they were saying, “He has an evil spirit.”</p>
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Jesus' Impact Upon His Own Family: Feeling Jesus Is an Embarrassment

Mark 03: 31—35

(Mt. 12:46-50; Lk. 8:19-21)

<p>1. Jesus' family</p> <p>a. They were standing outside</p> <p>b. They sent for Him — to call Him</p> <p>c. He was informed of the family's presence and embarrassment</p> <p>2. True kinship <i>is not just blood relationship</i></p> <p>3. True kinship <i>is a common relationship with God</i></p> <p>a. It is being a disciple of Christ</p> <p>b. It is seeking to do God's will</p>	<p>31 Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him.</p> <p>32 A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, “Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.”</p> <p>33 “Who are my mother and my brothers?” he asked.</p> <p>34 Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!</p> <p>35 Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.”</p>
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