

The Gospel of Mark

Scripture: Mark 3:20-30

Also: Mark 10:45; John 7:5; Matthew 5:11-12; Ephesians 6:12

Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
 2. Read Mark 3:20-30. There were several different opinions, or viewpoints about Jesus that were expressed by people in this week's Scripture.
 - Can every opinion or viewpoint be true?
 - How does this connect to the way culture views Jesus today?
 - Does it matter what people think about Jesus? Read John 3:16 and 14:6.
 - What other Scriptures would be helpful to answer this?
 3. Sometimes those closest to us seem to misunderstand us the most. Jesus' family thought He was crazy.
 - Has your life of following Jesus ever been misunderstood by someone close to you? Can you describe it (without dishonoring them)?
 - How does Jesus' example encourage you in your context?
 - Read Matthew 5:11-12. Without minimizing the pain of being misunderstood like this, how can you rejoice in this kind of circumstance?
 4. The religious leaders' accused Jesus of lying about who He was.
 - Did He remain silent or just weakly say accept what they said?
 - Did He insult them or threaten them unkindly?
 - How did He refute them?
 - Have you seen or experienced someone being wrongly accused by religious leaders?
 - If so, how can you respond to that?
 5. Our enemy is not negativism, money, or anything else, apart from Satan and his dark powers.
 - What or who do you tend to think of as your enemy? Why?
 - How does that need to change?
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- ***Read verse 28 in light of having just come through Easter!***
Consider the sins that God has forgiven in your life (give thanks!). Consider the sins that you think (or behave as though) He can't or won't forgive (replace that lie with His truth!). Consider what sins you might forget, and that He already knows them and has forgiven them (rejoice!)