

Who is my mother?

Mark 3:20–35



Mark's Gospel

- Focuses first on Jesus
- Also, how we follow Jesus

Mark's Gospel

- Mark loves sandwiches!
 - One story wrapped around another
- Cursing of the fig tree
11:12-14, 20-21
- Jesus ejecting the traders from the temple 11:15-19

Mark 3:20-35 as sandwich

- verses 20-21 Jesus and his earthly family
 - **verses 22-30 the source of Jesus' power**
- verses 31-35 Jesus, his earthly family, and his true family

Who is Jesus?

- He delivers people from demons
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 - The Jerusalem teachers do not criticise Jesus to his face v 22

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- **Two criticisms v 22**
 - He is possessed by Beelzebul
 - He uses Satan's power to deliver people from demons

Who is Jesus?

- Jesus calls them over v 23
- Jesus shows that he cannot be using Satan's power to deliver vv 24, 25
- Jesus imagines a "What if...?" v 26
- Jesus is the burglar who is stronger than the "strong man" v 27

How to respond to Jesus

- Forgiveness is available v 28
- The teachers have crossed the line v 29
 - Blaspheming against the Holy Spirit

How to respond to Jesus

- Jesus' family think he's mad
vv 20-21
 - they stand outside the house
v 31
 - Jesus is inside the house
vv 32, 34
 - Those with Jesus are the true
insiders v 35

How to respond to Jesus

- Doing God's will v 35
 - “repent and believe the good news” 1:14
 - “come, follow me” 1:18, 20

Two key things for reflection

- Remember who Jesus is
 - Forgiveness is available through him
- Remember how to respond to Jesus
 - He calls us to walk the path of faith and discipleship

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