

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity – 2021

Saturday, 6/5 at 4:00 & Sunday, 6/6 at 9:00

Jesus > Crazy  
Sin > Unforgiveable  
Family > Actual

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Text: Mark 3:20-35 NAS 1995



**Introduction:** Dear friends in Christ: Today's sermon, based on **Mark 3:20-35**, will answer these three questions:

- **Jesus** – was He crazy?
- **Sin** – can every sin be forgiven?
- **Family** – is it our blood and marriage relatives?

Since we are now beyond *the Day of Pentecost* **and** *the Sunday of the Holy Trinity*, we are now back to focusing on Jesus' ministry. What happened earlier in Mark's gospel?

- Jesus healed many people **and** cast out many demons!
- The people loved Jesus; the Jewish leaders hated Jesus!
- Since Jesus helped many people, multitudes ▶ heard the news, ▶ followed Him, and ▶ tried to touch Him!

1. **Setting:** <sup>20</sup> **And [Jesus] came home** [to Capernaum in Galilee], **and the crowd gathered again, to such an extent that [Jesus and His disciples] could not even eat a meal.** // Try to imagine Jesus ▶ exhausted, ▶ hungry, and ▶ needing to eat, YET ▶ there were **SO MANY PEOPLE** and ▶ their needs were **SO PRESSING** that Jesus could not even eat a meal.

2. **Jesus' Family thought Jesus had Lost It:** <sup>21</sup> **When [Jesus'] own people heard of this, they went out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, "He has lost His senses."**
- Jesus' own people: People in Jesus' hometown said, "...Is not His **mother** called Mary, and His **brothers**, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? <sup>56</sup> And His **sisters**, are they not all with us?" (Matt. 13:55-56 NAU).
  - Take custody: That means to *take control of someone*. For example, a parent who has custody can make decisions for his child regarding his ▶school, ▶doctor, ▶vaccinations, and ▶religion. So why did Jesus' own people seek to take control of Him? Because, to them, *He seemed to be OUT OF CONTROL!* Was that true? **No!** Since He is the **Son of God** and **had helped many people**, ▶*many heard the news* and ▶*sought His help!*
3. **The Scribes thought Jesus was Possessed by Satan:** <sup>22</sup> **The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."**
- The scribes were skilled in Jewish law and theology: When Jesus forgave the sins of a paralytic (2:6-7), the scribes said He *wrongly claimed the authority of God* – since only God can forgive sins; then, when Jesus ate with known sinners, *they wrongly criticized Him for doing so* (2:16-17).
  - The scribes, full of evil, attempted to explain Jesus' exorcism success: Yes, *Jesus was casting out demons, but how?* They said Jesus was possessed by Satan, *the ruler of the demons*. Was that true? **No!** Jesus came to **DEFEAT Satan** 😊, yet the scribes said He was **POSSESSED BY Satan** 😞.

4. **Jesus Responded to the Scribes:** <sup>23</sup> And He called them to Himself and began speaking to them in parables,
- a. “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup> If Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but he is finished! // When something is united, **it stands**; divided, **it falls**.
  - b. <sup>27</sup> **But no one can enter the strong man’s house** [*that is, Satan’s house*] **and plunder his property unless he first binds the strong man, and then he will plunder his house.** // *That is exactly what Jesus did; He entered an area owned by Satan; then **Jesus showed His almighty power by** **binding Satan and then** **casting out the demons who were present!***
  - c. <sup>28</sup> **“Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men** [*human beings*], **and whatever blasphemies they utter;** <sup>29</sup> **but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”** --<sup>30</sup> **because they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”** // *When Jesus was baptized, the Father anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit, but the scribes said **the Holy Spirit is Satan** – which was HORRIBLE to say!*
    - i. Why is the Holy Spirit so important? **The Father** planned salvation and **the Son** did the grueling work, **but ONLY the Holy Spirit can give a sinner the eternal benefits of Jesus’ work** (1 Corinthians 12:3)!
    - ii. What will happen to those who reject the Holy S? Jesus will say to them, **“Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels”** (Matt. 25:41 NAU).

## 5. **Jesus Responded to His Family:**

- a. **Biological family:** <sup>31</sup> **Then His mother and His brothers arrived, and standing outside they sent *word* to Him and called Him.** <sup>32</sup> **A crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, “Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are outside looking for You.”** // Jesus’ flesh was from His mother, and He was also a half-brother of Mary’s other children; *they were His biological family.*
- b. **Eternal family:** <sup>33</sup> **Answering them, He said, “Who are My mother and My brothers?”** <sup>34</sup> **Looking about at those who were sitting around Him** [*learning from Him, trusting in Him*], **He said, “Behold My mother and My brothers!** <sup>35</sup> **For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother.”** // **What is that will of God?** Jesus said, “...everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life...” (John 6:40 NAU). That is God’s **PRIMARY** will 😊. But for all who keep rejecting the HS’s work of repentance, *all such people are condemning themselves* 😞.

## **Conclusion:**

- **Truth** – Jesus: *Not crazy!* **Sin against the HS:** *Unforgiveable!* **Family:** *Biological family is temporary!*
- **Relevance** – The HS is living in and blessing believers!
- **Inspiration** – Tell the truth about Jesus, HS sin, and family!

**Let Us Pray:** Dear HS, TYSM for Your powerful work to give us spiritual life and keep us alive in Jesus; use us to help others!

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