

**Master Passion
Mark 3:20-35**

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I. Jesus' family misunderstands. Mark 3:20-21

"He simply was not living a _____ life, so His friends came to Capernaum to '**lay hold of Him**', or to '**take charge of Him**'" (Wiersbe)

- Jesus appeared to be crazy because He was doing and saying things that put Him in direct _____ to the most powerful people in Israel.

"Only two _____ are at work in the world, the gathering and the scattering. Whoever does the one contradicts the other." (Morgan)

II. A divided house. Mark 3:22-27

Because these religious leaders could not deny the miracles of Jesus, they _____ His power to the working of Satan.

- "This was an involuntary compliment to the _____ power and greatness of Jesus." (Expositor's Bible Commentary)

Today the powers of darkness seem so powerful; so, it is important to realize that Satan has already been _____. **Colossians 2:15**

III. The unpardonable sin. Mark 3:28-30

The Holy Spirit's ministry is to testify of Jesus, so He is warning these leaders that they were committing the _____ sin. **John 15:26**

- Jesus Christ is no longer on earth physically; so, no one can personally see Jesus perform a miracle and _____ that power to Satan, instead of the Holy Spirit.

The only unpardonable sin today is committed when a person dies in _____ and refuses to accept Jesus' free gift of Salvation by grace through faith.

IV. The plea of the family. Mark 3:31-35

Jesus' own family was convinced that He was "crazy", so they came with the sole purpose of forcibly _____ Him, to take Him back to Nazareth.

- Jesus is communicating that as He is fulfilling the will of the Father, His spiritual family and spiritual matters take _____ over fleshly interests. **John 6:28-29**

V. Practical Application.

The fulfilled, abundant, joy filled life, is only possible when we start with Jesus at the _____ of our universe and as our master passion.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **Mark 3:20-21**. Why did Jesus' family come to try to convince Him to leave? Has someone in your life ever been confused because of some loyalty you have for Jesus? **Matthew 22:37, Matthew 10:37, Matthew 16:24, John 7:5, Acts 1:14**
2. Who were the Scribes? Who were the Pharisees? "Name some reasons that the religious leaders of Jesus' day were so threatened by His popularity." (Wiersbe)
3. What is a parable? Why were parables a powerful way for Jesus to teach? **Matthew 5:13, Matthew 7:6**
4. Read **Mark 3:22-27**. What did the Scribes accuse Jesus of? How did this accusation actually show Jesus' power? Who is Beelzebub? How did Jesus bind and defeat the strong man? **Colossians 2:15**
5. Read **Mark 3:28-30**. What is the Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit? How can someone commit the unpardonable sin today?
6. Read **Mark 3:31-35**. Jesus must have first place within our lives. If Jesus has first position in our hearts, other relationships may suffer. Discuss a situation in your life where a relationship was damaged because of your relation with Christ. **Colossians 1:18, Deuteronomy 6:5, Matthew 22:37-40**
7. Discuss the Practical Application of the sermon.