

****Mark 3:34** “Then he looked at those seated in a circle around Him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!”

****Mark 3:35** “Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.”

John 6:29 “Jesus answered, “The work of God is this, to believe in the One He has sent.”

John 1:12 “Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.”

I John 3:1a “How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God. And that is what we are!”

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. We should remember we will suffer as we live for the Lord.

2 Timothy 3:12 “In fact, everyone who wants to live a Godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.”

B. We should be ready and prepared to share our faith.

I Peter 3:15 “But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”

C. We should rely on the Lord when facing hostility.

Psalms 9:10 “And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.”

D. We should rejoice when we suffer for the Lord.

I Peter 4:13 “But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed.”

E. We should not retaliate when we are wronged.

I Peter 3:9 “Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.”

I Peter 4:19 “So then, those who suffer according to God’s will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.”

Opposition! Lesson #16 Mark 3:20-34 9-21-25

I. The Lord’s family verbally attacked Him!

A. Jesus gathered with His disciples to eat a meal.

****Mark 3:20** “Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat.”

B. Jesus gave a man his vision and speech.

Matthew 12:22 “Then they brought Him a demon possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed Him, so that, He could both talk and see.”

Luke 11:14 “Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed.”

Matthew 12:23 “All the people were astonished and said could this be the Son of David?”

Matthew 21:9 “The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest!”

C. Jesus grappled with a hurtful remark from His family.

****Mark 3:21** “When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of His mind.”

Luke 1:31 “You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus. ^[32] He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.”

Luke 1:33 “And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His kingdom will never end. ^[34] How will this be since I am a virgin?”

Luke 1:35 “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So, the holy One to be born will be called the Son of God.”

Matthew 1:23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call Him, Immanuel” (which means “God with us).”

Luke 1:46 “And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord ^[47] And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”

Matthew 1:25 “But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.”

Matthew 13:55 “Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers, James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?”^[56] Aren’t all His sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?”^[57] And they took offense at Him.”

John 7:5 “For even His own brothers did not believe in Him.”

I Corinthians 15:7 “Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles.”

Acts 1:14 “They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.”

II. The Lord’s foes incorrectly attributed His powerful work to Satan!

A. The Lord’s enemies arrived in Capernaum.

****Mark 3:22a** “And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem”

B. The Lord’s enemies attacked with lies.

****Mark 3:22b** “... “He is possessed by Beelzebub! By the prince of demons, He is driving out demons.”

John 10:25 “Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me.”

John 8:44 “You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in Him. When He lies, He speaks His native language, for He is a liar and the father of lies.”

III. The Lord faced His enemies and quickly answered them!

A. Jesus presented the inconsistencies of their claim.

****Mark 3:23a** “So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables:”

1. Satan is not divided against himself.

****Mark 3:23b** “... “How can Satan drive out Satan?”

****Mark 3:24** “If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.”

****Mark 3:25** “If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.”

****Mark 3:26** “And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come.”

2. They were silent when their own people cast out demons.

Matthew 12:27 “And if I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges.”

B. Jesus pointed to the source of His power.

1. Jesus drove out demons by the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 12:28 “But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

I John 3:8 “He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.”

2. Jesus delivered a short illustration.

****Mark 3:27** “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.”

Ephesians 2:1 “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,^[2] In which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.”

Colossians 1:13 “For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves.^[14] In Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

3. Jesus described the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit.

****Mark 3:28** “Truly I tell you; people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter,”

****Mark 3:29** “But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.”

****Mark 3:30** “He said this because they were saying, “He has an impure spirit.”

IV. The Lord addressed those belonging to His spiritual family.

A. Jesus was invited to join His family.

****Mark 3:31** “Then Jesus’ mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call Him.”

****Mark 3:32** “A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, “Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.”

****Mark 3:33** “Who are my mother and my brothers?” he asked.”

B. Jesus identified His spiritual family.