

**No other way! No other Person!**

Mark 3:20-35



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of Jesus*

# 1. Two groups of people question Jesus' Plan and Authority

- His mother and his family question his plan
  - What if... Mary thought Jesus had lost the plan?
    - She had heard about crowds ... his fame growing
    - Did she think he was captured by his fame?
  - The text suggests this ... 'out of his mind'
    - 'not normal' ... not acting normal



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“After this, Jesus went around in Galilee, purposely staying away from Judea because the Jews there were waiting to take his life. But when the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near, Jesus’ brothers said to him, “You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do. No-one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world.” For even his own brothers did not believe in him.” - John 7:1-5



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- His mother and his family question his plan
  - The Scribes question his authority
    - They attribute his power and miracles to Satan
      - If he was from God ... they were in trouble
      - He spoke with authority
- “The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him.”” - Mark 1:27



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## 2. Jesus questions their Relationship with God and Him

- He speaks to the Scribes in parables
  - (v.24-26) the first parable
    - Focus ... anything divided against itself is finished
    - Point ... Satan wouldn't drive out his own warriors
  - (v.27) the second parable
    - Focus ... need to be stronger than strong man
    - Point ... Jesus is stronger than Satan



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“And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.”           – Matthew 12:31-32



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  - To slander work Jesus was doing by power of Spirit was unforgiveable ... why?
    - The Holy Spirit testifies to who Jesus is
    - To reject his testimony makes salvation impossible
    - To accept his testimony is to receive God's gift



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“This is how you can recognise the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.”

-1John 4:2-3



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“Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” - John 6:68



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  - He did not care about Mary's plans for how Messiah should act
  - For Jesus is was all about God's will (v.35)
- Lesson ... There is no other way


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# The difference between Christianity and all other Religions

1. Religion is spelled D – O and is all about trying to DO enough to please God
2. The trouble is, we don't know if we ever actually do enough (and the Bible tells us we never can do enough) to make things right again
3. But Christianity is spelled D – O – N – E
4. Jesus has DONE what we could never do
5. He lived the perfect life and died on the cross to pay for all the wrong stuff we have done
6. But it's not enough just to know this
7. We have to receive what he has done by asking Jesus to forgive us and be the leader of our lives

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**Relationship with God can only be  
attained through God's Plan and  
God's Person**

Are you acting like Mary or the Scribes  
towards God's plan – the Gospel?

Talk to him ... Tell him:

... you're sorry ... ask forgiveness ...  
you're going to follow him



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# ISRAEL

Topographical map of  
Central Mountain Range and  
Northern Galilee Region.



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