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The Gospel of Mark "Following Jesus" Mark 3:7-35 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



In this section we see Jesus continue to preach, and the crowds continue to grow. Everywhere Jesus goes the crowds seek Him and try to touch Him in order to be healed. The question that arises is who are the true followers of Jesus? Some are just looking for what they can get from Jesus; mainly Jesus healing and casting out demons. But as we saw two weeks ago, the true follower is not in it for what they can get, but to follow Him because of who He is. This week we will see what it is that defines the true follower that is a disciple of Jesus because of who He is.



Read Mark 3:7-35 (NET)

⁷ Then Jesus went away with his disciples to the sea, and a great multitude from Galilee followed him. And from Judea, ⁸ Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan River, and around Tyre and Sidon a great multitude came to him when they heard about the things he had done. ⁹ Because of the crowd, he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him so the crowd would not press toward him. ¹⁰ For he had healed many, so that all who were afflicted with diseases pressed toward him in order to touch him. ¹¹ And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." ¹² But he sternly ordered them not to make him known.

¹³ Now Jesus went up the mountain and called for those he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴ He appointed twelve (whom he named apostles), so that they would be with him and he could send them to preach ¹⁵ and to have authority to cast out demons.

¹⁶ He appointed twelve: To Simon he gave the name Peter; ¹⁷ to James and his brother John, the sons of Zebedee, he gave the name Boanerges (that is, "sons of thunder"); ¹⁸ and Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

²⁰ Now Jesus went home, and a crowd gathered so that they were not able to eat. ²¹ When his family heard this they went out to restrain him, for

they said, "He is out of his mind." ²² The experts in the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and, "By the ruler of demons he casts out demons." ²³ So he called them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom will not be able to stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan rises against himself and is divided, he is not able to stand and his end has come. ²⁷ But no one is able to enter a strong man's house and steal his property unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can thoroughly plunder his house. ²⁸ I tell you the truth, people will be forgiven for all sins, even all the blasphemies they utter. ²⁹ But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven, but is guilty of an eternal sin" ³⁰ (because they said, "He has an unclean spirit").

³¹ Then Jesus' mother and his brothers came. Standing outside, they sent word to him, to summon him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him and they said to him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are outside looking for you." ³³ He answered them and said, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴ And looking at those who were sitting around him in a circle, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

● EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.

2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.

3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Why did Jesus have such a large crowd following Him?

9. What did Jesus appoint the 12 disciples to do?

10. Why did Jesus' mom and brothers come to restrain Him?

11. Why did the Pharisees accuse Jesus of being possessed by Beelzebul?

12. Does Jesus' answer to the Pharisees make sense? Why or why not?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

13. What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus?

14. a. In this section Jesus called many to follow Him and appointed the 12 Apostles. How can we be a follower of Jesus?

b. How can we do the work of a disciple?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES