

Re.Mark.Able Study  
Week 11, Day 1

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for yet another Re.Mark.Able example of how to follow You and how to stay on course and in Your will. Help me to hear what You have to say today and to follow Your plan for my life.

As you read the verses below, answer the following questions and then compare your answers with those that follow.

Who is in the text?  
What is happening in the text?  
When does the story take place?  
Where does the story take place?  
Why is this story in the Bible?  
How does this story relate to me and my life?

**Mark 3:20-35 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**20** Then the multitude came together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread.

**21** But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, "He is out of His mind."

**22** And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebub," and, "By the ruler of the demons He casts out demons."

**23** So He called them to Himself and said to them in parables: "How can Satan cast out Satan? **24** If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. **25** And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. **26** And if Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but has an end. **27** No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house.

**28** "Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; **29** but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation"— **30** because they said, "He has an unclean spirit."

**31** Then His brothers and His mother came, and standing outside they sent to Him, calling Him. **32** And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers[a] are outside seeking You."

**33** But He answered them, saying, "Who is My mother, or My brothers?" **34** And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! **35** For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother."

Who: Jesus, scribes, multitude of people, disciples, Mary, Jesus' brothers, Beelzebub (another name for Satan), Holy Spirit, demons

What: Jesus is attempting to reach as many people as possible but those who are the closest to Him do not understand His mission. They accuse Him of being able to cast out demons because He is the devil.

When: Mark is not written in chronological order. The actual time this passage takes place is not stated.

Where: The specific place is not given for these passages.

Why: Jesus is showing us how important it is for us to live united under His will. Satan is ever ready to come between our families and to destroy us any way He can. We are to stay the course and listen to His direction.

How: (This answer should be personal to each individual.)

Prayer: "NOW THE ONE WHO PROVIDES SEED FOR THE SOWER AND BREAD FOR FOOD WILL PROVIDE AND MULTIPLY YOUR SEED AND INCREASE THE HARVEST OF YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." 2 Corinthians 9:10

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Week 11, Day 2

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to be so dedicated to your will that nothing else can distract me and keep me from You. Help me to ignore satan and his attempts to lead me astray,

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**21** *But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, "He is out of His mind."*

In this passage we are reminded yet again of Jesus' dedication to His mission. He chooses to preach and heal instead of eating. Those around Him still did not fully comprehend His mission and purpose so they thought was not in His right mind. The very people we would think would be the first to support Him are the ones who come to keep Him from fulfilling His mission.

As believers in Christ Jesus, Satan is going to attack us by using people both inside our family and outside our inner circles. Satan knows that as we seek to know Our Father and Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we are moving further from satan and closer to who we are created to be. Satan also knows that as believers we are to reach other people and connect them to Jesus. As a result, satan will lose his hold on those who are changing and becoming children of God. The closer we draw to God, the more satan wants to pull us away from Him. Satan will do whatever he feels is necessary to make this happen.

Who do you have in your life who does not understand your relationship with God and His plan for you?

How can seek to have peace in that relationship?

Do you allow that person to confuse you and to pull you away from your God given purpose?

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Week 11, Day 3

Prayer: Lord, help me to ignore those who do not understand my need for You and my every growing relationship with You. Please help me to block out all of the negative feedback and focus on what is true and worthy of my attention. Give me patience and wisdom to deal with those who do not know You and who attack me because I do.

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**22** And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebub," and, "By the ruler of the demons He casts out demons."

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We cannot have two visions under one roof. Do you and your spouse or significant other talk about your vision? Do the two align and match up? If not, how are you re-aligning your individual goals to have a unified goal under God?

At River Valley we have one vision; to reach people apart from God and connect them to Jesus.

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Week 11, Day 4

Prayer: Holy Spirit, help me to quiet my mind and body in order to hear from You throughout my day. Help me to learn to listen for Your voice and respond the way You would have me to. Help me to never reject You and Your will for my life.

**Mark 3:28-30 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**28** "Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; **29** but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has

*forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation”— 30 because they said, "He has an unclean spirit."*

As we have discussed earlier in our Re.Mark.Able studies, we believe in the Trinity; that God exists as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the voice that speaks to us and calls us into a relationship with the Father. We are called to study the Word of God and to be in prayer, listening for the Holy Spirit's guidance.

The blasphemy in the above verses is the deliberate, ongoing rejection of the work of the Holy Spirit. If God is using the Holy Spirit to speak to you and calling you into a relationship with Him and you are refusing that call, you are committing blasphemy.

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Week 11, Day 5

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for all of my brothers and sisters in Christ. No matter how much satan tries to tell me I am alone or unwanted, I know that I have a huge family in Your name and always have You to turn to. Thank you blessing me with the ability to share my beliefs openly and to turn to fellow believers without fear of persecution or retribution. I am blessed to live in a free country where I can worship with my spiritual family and know that I am accepted for who I am and allowed the opportunities to grow into the being You would have me to.

**Mark 3:31-35 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**31** Then His brothers and His mother came, and standing outside they sent to Him, calling Him. **32** And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are outside seeking You."

**33** But He answered them, saying, "Who is My mother, or My brothers?" **34** And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! **35** For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother."

Given the fact that they are human, they don't understand that Jesus is the Messiah, AND they do not fully understand the mission of Jesus, I would think that His words would be a hard blow to His family! If we are to use our earthly understanding of family, I think we would all be a little offended by His statement. However, Jesus was not referring to His earthly family but His eternal family of believers. When we look at it from that perspective, we understand that God not only blesses us with an earthly family but with a family of fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

As members of River Valley, we are called to reach people and connect them to Jesus so that they too become our brother or sister in Christ. How are you seeking to find the lost and bring them to Christ?

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