



DIGGING DEEPER

Mark 3v20-35 – The King's Family

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GETTING STARTED

Look again at the structure of the passage. Why do you think we find the response of the religious leaders (v22-30) sandwiched in between the response of Jesus family (v21 / v31-35)?

1) JESUS' OWN FAMILY

What do you think v20 means? Paint the scene for us...

What do you make of the family's response? (v21)

What is the answer to Jesus' question in v33 and how does that challenge your understanding of family and our culture's understanding of family?

Do you love your church family as much as your own flesh and blood? (See Acts 4v32)

2) THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Why do the religious leaders accuse Jesus of being in league with Satan in v22?

How does Jesus respond to their accusation? (See v23-26)

Chat through the parable in v27... Who is the strong man and what has Jesus come to do?

Talk about the beautiful promise in v28 and the dire warning in v29...

Discuss the quote below... Is that helpful when we talk about the 'unforgiveable sin'?

"The only way to hell is to trample on the cross of Christ, disregard what God has done and keep going our own way" (Micheal Ots)

If you've got time, talk about Mark's use of the word 'outside' – see also Mk 4v11-12

Meditate on the words of Paul below...

Colossians 4v5: Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.