

“Where Do You Fit In?”
(The Ministry Hasn’t Changed)
A Journey with Jesus — Part 5
Mark 3:7–35

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7 Jesus withdrew to the sea with His disciples; and a great multitude from Galilee followed; and also from Judea, 8 and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond the Jordan, and the vicinity of Tyre and Sidon, a great number of people heard of all that He was doing and came to Him. 9 And He told His disciples that a boat should stand ready for Him because of the crowd, so that they would not crowd Him; 10 for He had healed many, with the result that all those who had afflictions pressed around Him in order to touch Him. 11 Whenever the unclean spirits saw Him, they would fall down before Him and shout, “You are the Son of God!” 12 And He earnestly warned them not to tell who He was.

- **Quick portrait of all we know to be true about Jesus up to now.**
- **Jesus demonstrated power over the natural.**
- **Jesus demonstrated power over the supernatural.**
- **Healing, forgiving, power over the natural, power over the supernatural—that same ministry is still the ministry of Jesus Christ. It hasn’t changed.**

Mark 3:13–19

13 And He went up on the mountain and summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him. 14 And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He could send them out to preach, 15 and to have authority to cast out the demons. 16 And He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom He gave the name Peter), 17 and James, the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which means, “Sons of Thunder”); 18 and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot; 19 and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him.

- **You know what binds them all together? They’re ordinary.**
- **The ministries of these men, following the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, turned the world upside down.**
- **You’re exactly the kind of person Jesus is looking for and calling to Himself.**
- **He calls us to be servants, disciples, and messengers. The ministry hasn’t changed.**

Mark 3: 20–27

20 And He came home, and the crowd gathered again, to such an extent that they could not even eat a meal. 21 When His own people heard of this, they went out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, “He has lost His senses.” 22 The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons.” 23 And He called them to Himself and began speaking to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 “If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 “If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26 “If Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but he is finished! 27 “But no one can enter the strong man’s house and plunder his property unless he first binds the strong man, and then he will plunder his house.

- **There was never anything like this in the history of the world, and it has never been repeated.**
- **The best we can do is be living examples of what the truth is.**
- **Who has the power to go in and bind Satan and redeem what is rightfully His? Only One.**
- **Jesus continues to take what belongs to Him. He continues to bind Satan’s efforts. The ministry hasn’t changed.**

Mark 3:28–30

28 “Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter; 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—30 because they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

- **The eternal sin for them was their conclusion that Jesus is demonic.**
- **What they did was blaspheme the Holy Spirit of God.**
- **There are only the three logical conclusions we could come to when examining the life of Christ—liar, lunatic, or Lord.**

Mark 3:31–35

31 Then His mother and His brothers arrived, and standing outside they sent word to Him and called Him. 32 A crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, “Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are outside looking for You.” 33 Answering them, He said, “Who are My mother and My brothers?” 34 Looking about at those who were sitting around Him, He said, “Behold My mother and My brothers! 35 “For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother.”

- **He came to show a new way, new relationships, and new spiritual life.**
- **It's about eternal family members all linked because of a relationship with Him.**
- **If we love Him, we obey Him.**
- **The relationship that matters is a spiritual one.**
- **The message of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ hasn't changed. The ministry hasn't changed.**

APPLICATION: Where do you fit in?

Are you in need of healing, of forgiveness? Are you in need of the still miraculous power to completely turn your life around? Reach out and touch Him. He will change you forever.

Are you sensing that your Christian growth has become stagnant? Are you feeling like you have nothing left to give and it's time for someone else to take over? Go back to Jesus. No matter how big or small you think the task may be, He can and will continue to use you as His servant, as His disciple, as His messenger. Obeying Him in this will strengthen you.

Are you facing struggles and disappointments? Are you sensing that you're just beaten up and can't shake the discouragement? Jesus will take you. Jesus will bind Satan (His enemy and yours) and take you as His own. You are His child, you are His light. Lean on Him and He will give you rest.

Are you still trying to decide who Jesus is and what He did? Jesus came to turn so-called "religion" completely on its head. He came to restore a perfect relationship between us and our Creator. He came to pay the perfect price for all our sin, redeem us, place His Spirit in us, and give us eternal life. Let me introduce you my best friend. His name is Jesus Christ.