

THE GOSPEL OF MARK: STRAIGHT TALK
ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

3, As the Gospel source being uniquely (the) Son of
God, Jesus Christ creates the New Covenant family of
God by a supernatural salvation, Part 3E

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Introduction: In the Gospel of Mark chapter 3 the shocking conflict of Jesus' truthful Messianic identity is made public and well illustrates the summary formulated by C.S. Lewis that Jesus was either a lunatic/crazy, a liar/deceiver, or the LORD Christ, the incarnate Son of God. This summary is based on the logic/reason of propositional truth claims revealed in the New Testament Scriptures both about Jesus' self-identity and charges rejecting His self-identity as Son of God and Son of Man.

Chapter 3, As the Gospel source being uniquely (the) Son of God, Jesus Christ creates the New Covenant family of God by a supernatural salvation:

3:1-6. A New Covenant life starts with a saved life by supernatural power over death, i.e. original sin's results and personal responsibility for actual sins...

3:7-12, A New Covenant life, not by human bloodline, i.e. not your people or where you are from, but by the Holy Spirit's adoption through new birth being a supernatural power greater than unclean spirits...

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3:13-19, A New Covenant people commissioned under 12 Apostles superseding the Old Covenant 12 Tribes of the Patriarchs of Israel...

3:20-35, A New Covenant royal family of faith confessing by the witness of the Holy Spirit that Jesus is divine Savior and Lord who supernaturally destroys the kingdom of the Satan...

vv. (19b) 20-21, Jesus Christ's truth claims about Himself and the New Covenant Gospel truth can divide earthly families based on Christian belief or misbelief:

- The house used for Jesus' Gospel ministry station was well known and crowded (cf. 2:1, et al.)...
- Motivated by a misguided unbelief that Jesus was mentally unstable, Jesus' family members sought to protect Him...

[**His own people**, GK. ο ι π α ρ

α υ τ ο υ =those from beside him, idiomatic expression for family members...

Note: suggestions offered—Joseph's children by previous marriage, Joseph & Mary's biological children after Jesus' birth, expanded family relations, i.e. cousins...

They came out, Gk. ε ξ η λ θ ο υ —they were not previously present...

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To lay hold of Him, Gk. κ ρ α τ η σ α υ — aorist infinitive— κ ρ α τ ε ω , krateo /krat-eh'-o, to use strength, that is, seize or retain...

'He is out of His mind', Gk. ε ξ ε σ τ η — aorist indicative-- ε ξ ι σ τ η μ υ , existe /mi/ ex-is'-tay-mee, to put (stand) out of wits, that is, astound, or (reflexively) become astounded, insane: - amaze, be (make) astonished, be beside self (selves), bewitch, wonder...]

*Often family compassion misguided by misbelief (not necessarily unregenerate) over the plain Gospel and Biblical truths (cf. Westminster Confession chapter 1 section 7) causes sharp disagreements and personal hurts, i.e. reformed doctrinal distinctives, e.g. ... not speculative interpretations about obscure Scriptures or "baptized"/self-justification for sinful behavior...

vv. 22-27, Jesus Christ's truth claims about Himself and the New Covenant Gospel are often intentionally misrepresented by association with religious/philosophical mythologies:

- The Jerusalem scribes/law-experts tried to discredit Jesus using mythology and superstition...

[**Beelzabub**, Gk. β ε ε λ ζ ε β ο υ λ — Beelzeboul/beh-el-zeb-ool'

Of Chaldee origin (by parody upon; *dung god*; *Beelzebul*.)

- Jesus summoned the Jerusalem scribes to Himself challenging their mythologies and superstitions with parables, i.e. earthly stories with heavenly meaning...

[**parables**, Gk. *παροβολαίς*, *parabolais/par-ab-ol-ays'*, cast along side, a parallel comparison, that is, (symbolically) *fictional narrative* (of common life conveying a moral), figure, proverb.]

- Jesus reveals His salvation mission is the opposite of cooperating with Satan, and includes invading, binding/dominating, and finally searching-seizing Satan's house/kingdom...

[**enters**, Gk. *εἰσελθών*—participle as verbal noun “being one who...”--,

εἰσερχομαι /eiserchomai, to *enter* (literally or figuratively), come (in, into), enter in (-to), go in (through)...

binds, Gk. *δησῆ*—aorist active subjunctive—*δέω/deh'-o*, a primary verb; to *bind* (in various applications, literally or figuratively): - bind, be in bonds, knit, tie...

plunder, Gk. *διαρπάζω* /diarpazo², to *seize asunder*, that is, *plunder, ransack*: - spoil, compound word with preposition prefix expressing the idea of thorough action...]

*Jesus parables are not myths or moralisms about how to be better people, but theological truths about the mysteries of the Kingdom of God/Heaven revealing the New Covenant Gospel of salvation.

vv. 28-30, Jesus Christ's truth claims pronounces a solemn warning about blasphemy against the Holy Spirit...

- Once again Jesus speaks with divine authority/power about the forgiveness of sins, even blasphemies of all kinds...
- The exception Jesus singles out is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, i.e. maliciously cursing the Holy Spirit and His works to be from the devil...
- The unforgiveness associated with blasphemy against the Holy Spirit includes eternal judgment...
- The theological reason given, vv. 22 & 30, specifies a progressive and persistent expression of unbelief saying that Jesus was demon possessed...

*It has been wisely observed with Biblical assurance that anyone concerned about blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is not in the spiritual condition of which Jesus warns. Theologically this spiritual condition is called reprobation, (cf. Romans 1:24-32, WCF Chapter 5 section 6)...

vv. 31-35, Jesus Christ's truth claims identifies the greater faith-family of God by the New Covenant Gospel.

- Members of Jesus' earthly family, including His mother, were calling and seeking Him, i.e. wanting to get His attention, cf. v. 21, ...
- Jesus' family members were not necessarily unsaved or unregenerate, but of weak faith and

- also demonstrate they were not blaspheming the Holy Spirit...
- Jesus identifies the greater faith-family of God by the will of God in saving faith...

*Jesus' salvation purpose transcends earthly relationships of family ties but also sanctifies New Covenant families with better promises by the witness and power of the Holy Spirit to the Gospel with a fuller and clearer testimony of God's will revealed through the person and work of Jesus Christ by whom Christian believers are made co-heirs in the royal family and Kingdom of God/Heaven, “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of Adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba Father.’ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.” (Romans 8:14-17)...”I appeal to you [all] therefore, brothers [and sisters], by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you [all] may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)

