



Take 5 minutes to Glorify God

Come Sit with Him

March 5th, 2008

Mark 3:34-35

And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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John Mark tells us in verse 3:6 the Pharisees are conspiring to “destroy” Jesus. **For what?**

In chapter 1 Jesus enters into Mark's story as John the Baptist baptizes Jesus, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus and then ushers Him away into the wilderness for a 40-day temptation of Satan. Jesus returns from the wilderness experience victoriously and spends the rest of chapter 1 teaching and performing miracles to confirm His teaching. In chapter 2 the controversies begin as Jesus speaks new wine (Spirit of the Law) into old wine skins (letter of the Law); as Jesus destroys the traditions of men with the Truth of God's Word.

Jesus leaves those who would destroy Him to join the growing multitudes along the seaside. Those who want to follow Jesus. **For what?**

Some out of curiosity, some to accuse Him or find fault with Him, some for healings, some for teaching, some because they have been compelled. His mother and His brothers and sisters have come after Jesus because they think He has lost His mind and wanted to protect Him (and themselves) from His peculiar behavior they knew would get Him in trouble if He persisted. The scribes followed Him blaspheming the Holy Spirit by saying that what He did was not in the power of the Holy Spirit, but in the power of Satan. Jesus rebukes the scribes and puts his family to the test as He responds to their (Mary and family) arrival. The multitudes are gathering around Jesus, but there is a strong sense of concentric circles around Jesus. Jesus Himself, the newly appointed 12, those sitting around Him, those outside (his family) and those turned away (the mocking scribes).

Am I following Jesus? **For what?**

Jesus evokes a response out of every man. What is my response? Do I resist Jesus as the Pharisees? Do I mock Jesus as the scribes? Do I doubt Jesus as His family? Or do I sit around Jesus like those He calls His brothers and sisters? Those sitting with Jesus made a choice to stop resisting Jesus. To follow Him and sit with Him. They wanted to be as close as they could to Him. How close do I want to be to Jesus?

Lord, You have called us and drawn us to You. Please help us not to doubt or resist You. Increase our faith to be the ones you call brothers so we will find ourselves drawing closer into the circle, sitting around You; ready to immediately do Your will. Cause us to be with You and be sent out that Your Kingdom would come and Your will would be done on earth, in Jesus Name, amen.

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