

Sermon Discussion Questions



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"WHO IS JESUS' TRUE FAMILY?"

DATE: October 29, 2017

Discuss

SPEAKER: Brian/Frank

SERIES: The Gospel of Mark

PASSAGE: Mark 3:20-35

- 1) Why did Jesus' family think he was out of his mind? (See vv. 20-21) Read the story in Luke 2:41-52 about Jesus at 12 years of age talking to the teachers in the temple, and you may want to consider as well the story of Mary asking Jesus to turn the water into wine at the wedding at Cana (John 2:1-10).
 - What do you think Jesus' family expected him to do or how did they expect him to act?
 - What did they not understand?
 - What wrong expectations do we sometimes have of Jesus?
- 2) Casting out demons is never mentioned in the Old Testament. Driving out demons was a hallmark of Jesus' ministry, however. In fact, this is the seventh time thus far in Mark's gospel where driving out demons is mentioned.
 - Why do you think this was such a central part of Jesus' ministry on earth? (The fact that the teachers of the law accused Jesus of being in league with Satan makes clear that no one disputed that Jesus had authority over demons.)
 - The teachers of the law obviously found it impossible to be neutral about Jesus. Into what category (or categories) did they put him? (See Mark 3:22 and 2:16)
- 3) In verses 33-35, Jesus makes the astonishing announcement that his disciples, those who do God's will, are his true family. J. I. Packer in *Knowing God* says that adoption into God's family is the "highest privilege the gospel offers."
 - Why is this our greatest blessing? Consider what it means to be a beloved member of God's family. (See Ps. 27:10 and 1 John 3:1)
 - If we are trusting in Christ as our Savior, what kind of life should flow from knowing that we are children of God and that Jesus is our elder brother who has secured our place in his family forever? How do we know and do God's will?

Pray

Jesus, we praise you for the power you demonstrated over Satan and the complete victory you won over him on the cross.

We confess, Father, that we often fail to listen to you and obey, just like so many of those who met Jesus while he was here on earth.

We give you great thanks that we have the truly wondrous privilege of being a part of your family.

We ask that you would help us to submit our will to yours on a daily basis.

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Bill and Melanie serving in a sensitive area