

# Mark 3v7-35

Mark 3v3 says that Jesus was withdrawing – which means to get away from something. What or who was He getting away from (see previous verse)

So who do you think is in control of events? *scribes / Jesus / Pharisees / the crowds*  
(Circle answer)

## Conflicting (or opposing) Opinions

In v21 Jesus' family/friends have set out to take Him away. Why do they want to do this?

What are they thinking? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Are they right? \_\_\_\_\_

What do the evil spirits say about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_ v11

Notice that in v22 the scribes can't deny that He has the power to cast out demons. But where do they say He gets the power from? \_\_\_\_\_

That's completely wrong of course. But it's an example of something that Isaiah spoke about many hundreds of years before. Look at Isaiah 5v20 and fill in the gaps

*Woe to those who call evil \_\_\_\_\_, and good \_\_\_\_\_*

We're introduced here to the men that would be called apostles – because they've been chosen or appointed. The key thing is that they might be \_\_\_\_\_ v14



## Controlling Interests

The family/friends have come – in effect – to bind Jesus and take Him away because they think He is mad (He isn't – they are mad to think it). But in response to the scribes' claims about Him, He shows that they are being illogical. But this part of the passage is really showing one important thought:

*His people want to bind Him but He will bind \_\_\_\_\_ so that the bound ones (men and women) can be freed*

## A Critical Relationship

Knowing and following Jesus can be a dangerous thing. When we look at the names of the apostles, many of them would be executed for preaching and teaching about Jesus – look for example at Acts 12v2. What happens to James? \_\_\_\_\_



It can be difficult to follow Jesus – people may exclude you or make fun of you or hate you. But many of the letters in the NT and the words of Jesus warn us that this may happen.

But – if it's dangerous to follow Jesus - it's even more dangerous not to follow Him. If you're not forgiven, what is the future that Jesus speaks of in v29?  
Answer: e \_\_\_\_\_ c \_\_\_\_\_ You don't want this to happen to you!

The key question in the passage is: who is really a follower of Jesus? What make the difference? Jesus Himself gives the answer. Those who are really related to Him are those who do what? Answer: those who do \_\_\_\_\_ v35