

***The Gospel According to Mark  
Jesus. Servant. Master.***

***Lesson 14***

**Read Mark 3: 21 – 35**

**Introduction:** *Christians sometimes wonder if they have committed this sin of blaspheming the Holy Spirit. Christians need not worry because this sin is the rejection of Jesus Christ as Lord along with the power and the work of the Holy Spirit. It reveals a heart attitude of unbelief and unrepentance. Deliberate, ongoing rejection of the work of the Holy Spirit is blasphemy because it is rejecting God Himself. The religious leaders accused Jesus of blasphemy, but ironically they were the guilty ones when they looked Jesus in the face and accused him of being possessed by Satan.*

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1. According to Mark 3: 21 the phrase “*His own people*” was used. Who are the people Mark is referring to? (Compare with Mark 3: 31 and Mark 6: 3)
  - What were “*His own people*” saying about Jesus according to Mark 3: 21?

2. What did the scribes say about Jesus in Mark 3: 22? What did the Pharisees say about Jesus in Matthew 9: 32 – 34?

3. According to Mark 3: 23 – 29 and Luke 11: 17 – 23 what strong exhortation did Jesus give them?

4. What is the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit?

- According to Mark 3: 28 – 29 what would be the consequence if someone blasphemed the Holy Spirit?

5. Read Mark 3: 31 – 35. At this time Jesus' family did not believe He was the Messiah but thought He was "*out of His mind*". They were worried about Him and wanted to bring Him home. What was Jesus' reply to those who said, "*Your mother, and brothers are outside seeking You*"?

- As a Christian we have our physical family and our spiritual family. Hopefully your physical family is also a part of your spiritual family. According to Mark 3: 34 – 35 how did Jesus categorize His family? (End your group time by praying for your family)