

1. READ Mark 3:13-19. Describe the scene. Where does Jesus take His disciples and what happens there? What is the significance of the number 12?
2. READ Mark 3:20-21. What does Jesus' family say about Him? How does this contrast with what just happened on the mountain top?
3. READ Mark 3:22-30. Who do the Pharisees think that He comes from? How does Jesus respond? What is the unpardonable sin?

4. READ Mark 3:31-34. Mark is showing his masterful writing skills with this passage. He has sandwiched the “Beelzebub incident with the Pharisees” between descriptions of the unbelief or embarrassment of his family. Who does Jesus say His true family is?

5. PRAY. Take some time thinking about the things that you need to repent of and then write them down in a prayer. Thank Jesus for His forgiveness and ask Him to show you any areas of unbelief or doubt in your heart. What word do you need to hear from Him today? What assurance? Pray with expectation. Know that He hears you.