

## ***A HOUSE DIVIDED***

### ***3:20-35***

#### ***Confusion of Jesus' family—He is misjudged as being crazy. 20,21***

- Huge crowds inhibit meal time at “home” (Peter’s house, 1:29, 2:1,2).
- Mark uniquely offers a glimpse of the response of Jesus’ family to His hectic ministry. *His family* (NIV, ESV, see v.32) thinks He is mentally unstable, and they come from Nazareth to seize Him. See Jn. 7:3-5.

#### ***Confusion of Scribes—He is misjudged as being possessed. 22-30***

- The Scribes (OT Law experts) solve the dilemma of how Jesus does miracles, but w/a greater misjudgment, Matt. 9:34, Jn. 8:41ff., 10:19-21.
- Jesus is slanderously said not to be empowered by the Holy Spirit but by Satan—the demon prince Beelzebub / Beelzebul (II Kgs. 1:2-6).
- Jesus’ answer begins with a question—“How . . . ?  
= proverbial saying, showing the absurdity of their view.  
= warning that maintaining a slanderous view of the Holy Spirit’s work thru Jesus (1:10) dooms one (but Act 6:7).

#### ***Clarification of Jesus' family—they are those doing His will, 31,32***

- Return to Family conflict. Like the Scribes, Jesus’ family tries to hinder His mission, as even Peter will later unwittingly seek to do in 8:31-33.
- Jesus’ answer begins with a question—“Who . . . ?  
= redefinition of God’s family (household) based on our response to Jesus. See Matt. 10:34-37 / 10:28ff., Eph.2:19, Jn. 17:23, Phm. 1.



What are some practical implications of our new kinship in Christ?

Js. 2:14-15  
Gal. 6:1,2,10  
I Jn. 3:16-18  
I Cor. 6:5-8  
Matt. 18:18-20

