

Bible Study Questions

Deluded, Demonic, or Divine? – Mark 3:20-30

Focus

As Jesus continues to reveal through both His words and actions that He's God, and as He continues to form His new community, two questions now face every person who comes into contact with Him from here on out: who do I believe He is and how will I respond to Him?

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[Mark 3:20-30](#)

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CCNYC teaching on Mark 3 which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Opening Questions

1. How much time have you spent this past week reflecting on Jesus and the hope of the gospel? How has reflecting on Him been of help to you? What have you learned?

Some Questions for Study and Reflection

2. How does Jesus' family respond to Him in verse 21? Why do you think they responded that way?
3. What are the accusations being made against Jesus by the scribes? Why do you think they came to such a conclusion?
4. Is there any significance do you think that these scribes have come down from Jerusalem?
5. What's the logic of Jesus' response to the accusations from the scribes?
6. What is the unforgivable sin that Jesus speaks of here? (Hint: see v. 30.)

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Closing Reflection and Application

7. Does it surprise you that those closest to Jesus and those who had seen firsthand His power, as well as the most theologically trained people of the day, came to such wrong conclusions about Him? What might that tell us about the nature of saving faith?
8. Have you known people who said they were prepared to believe that Jesus was generally a good guy but not God. How did you/could you respond?
9. Have you known people who spoke evil of Jesus? How did you/could you respond?
10. Why does it really matter who Jesus is? If He's not divine, what are the implications for the Christian faith and for your life?
11. What was it that led you to personally conclude that Jesus is God the Son?
12. Have you ever spoken to anyone who worried that they had committed the unforgivable sin? Was there ever a time when you were afraid you had done so? Was this a result of a vague explanation of what this sin is? Do you feel like you understand it better now?
13. In what way should Christians not be overly sensitive but still sensitive to the reality that there is this one sin that won't be forgiven?
14. In what way is verse 28 personally encouraging to you?