



Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

Hebrews 2:14-15 (NLT)

I. OVERVIEW OF MARK 3:20-35

1. The Misunderstanding: Jesus' family thinks he is crazy (v.20-21)

2. The Accusation: Jesus' enemies say that He is empowered by Satan (v.22-27)

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

Colossians 1:15-18 (NIV)

The devil has been sinning since the beginning, so anyone who continues to sin belongs to the devil. The Son of God came for this purpose: to destroy the devil's work.

1 John 3:8 (NCV)

You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

Colossians 2:13-15 (NLT)

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)

3. **The Warning: Jesus announces that blasphemy of the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven (v.28-30)**

The unpardonable sin involves the total and irrevocable rejection of Jesus Christ. It is rejecting, completely and finally, the witness of the Holy Spirit, which declares that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who alone can save us from our sins. No one has committed the unpardonable sin who continues to be under the disturbing, convicting, and drawing power of the Holy Spirit.

Billy Graham in The Holy Spirit

4. **The Honor: Jesus declares that His followers are His family (v.31-35)**

II. APPLICATION OF MARK 3:20-35

1. **Refuse to be intimidated by being misunderstood and criticized for my faith**

The only way not to be criticized is to say nothing, do nothing and be nothing.

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2. **Be careful not to resist the work of the Holy Spirit in my life**

For pride is spiritual cancer: it eats up the very possibility of love, or contentment, or even common sense.

C. S. Lewis

3. **Accept the Lord's gracious invitation to be a part of God's family**