



Bible Reading Group

The gospel of Mark

Chapter 3

Healing a withered hand (3:1-6)

- 1 Which synagogue was this?
- 2 Was this healing a set up by the Pharisees?
- 3 Why was Jesus angry?
- 4 Who were the Herodians?
- 5 Why did the Pharisees and Herodians want to assassinate Jesus?

Crowds by the sea (3:7-12)

- 6 Which sea or lake is this?
- 7 From how far away did people come to hear Jesus?
- 8 How had Jesus become so famous?
- 9 What are the “unclean/evil spirits” in v11? [Compare 1 Samuel 16:14-16,23; 18:10-11; 19:9-10]
- 10 How did they know who he was?
- 11 Why doesn't Jesus want them to “make him known”?

The appointing of the twelve apostles (3:13–19)

- 12 What three reasons are given for Jesus choosing apostles?
- 13 What do we know about these twelve men?
- 14 Some of them have alternative names. List their other names.
- 15 Which apostle was a member of a terrorist group?
- 16 Why do you think Jesus called James and John the “sons of thunder”?

Jesus and Beelzebub (3:20–30)

- 17 Why did Jesus’ family think he had gone mad?
- 18 Who was Beelzebub?
- 19 In v23–26, how does Jesus answer their accusation?
- 20 What does the parable of v27 mean?
- 21 What is “blasphemy against the Holy Spirit” (v28)?
- 22 Was Jesus accusing the Pharisees of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit?
- 23 Are any other sins unforgiveable?

Jesus’ mother and brothers (3:31–35)

- 24 Who was Jesus’ mother and who were his brothers?
- 25 Who does Jesus say are his true family members?
- 26 In v35, why doesn’t Jesus include fathers?