

Part of the Family > Mark 3:20-35

3:20-21 *Bad response 1: "Jesus is crazy."* In contrast to the disciples (3:13-19), Mark warns us by revealing two incorrect ways to respond to Jesus. The first starts with the rejection of his own family: they believe that Jesus is out of his mind.

3:22-27 *Bad response 2: "Jesus is possessed!"* Interrupting the story of Christ's earthly family, Mark shows us another response: the religious scribes do not deny Christ's miracles. Instead, they believe that he is acting with the power of the devil. They won't even consider that he could be God's Son.

3:28-30 *Good response 1: trust the Lord.* These verses are both a warning and an encouragement. Do not deny God's work, otherwise you cut yourself off from salvation! On the contrary, trust Jesus and all your sins will be forgiven.

3:31-35 *Good response 2: do what God says.* You can be a part of Christ's family! It's not about flesh and blood, but about obedience as the result of faith. Following Jesus is God's will for each and every person.

The Point: How you respond to Jesus reveals what you believe about him.

Prayer: Father, we thank you that Jesus forgives the sins of all who call upon him and he invites us to be part of his family.

Application: Respond to Jesus in faith – believing in him is reasonable and rational. Tell those around you that they can be right with God and are invited to have a relationship.

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
