
ARE YOU CRAZY?

The Kingdom of the King Mark 3:7-34

Lesson 3

1. Have you ever been accused of “acting crazy” just because you were trying to do what was right or godly in a particular situation? Share your experience with the group.

2. Jesus’ popularity is growing as people are coming from all over the region and beyond. When you read this summary in verses 7-12 what kind of a picture is being painted? How do you think the disciples are feeling? What do you imagine the religious leaders are thinking?

3. Where does Jesus call his disciples? Might there be any symbolic meaning to the place or the number of disciples he calls?

4. Note the names of the 12 Disciples. Why do you think that Mark includes all of the names of these men when most of them are never mentioned again in the book?

5. What are the functions of the Apostles mentioned here when Jesus appoints them?

6. What is the implied evidence that there are more disciples than just the Twelve Apostles?

7. In verse 21 it says that his family thought that Jesus was out of his mind! Why do you think they came to that conclusion?

8. The Teachers of the Law come down from Jerusalem to accuse Jesus of casting out demons through the power of Satan himself. What is their intention and what does this attack on Jesus tell us about what is going on in the broader story? (Mark 3:22)

9. Think about Jesus' response to the religious leaders from Jerusalem in 3:23-28. What is his logical argument and what is he implying about Judaism of his day?

10. What is the UNPARDONABLE SIN?

11. Jesus' response to his mother and brothers seems rude. When we see something that is out of character for Jesus, we must sit up and take notice. What is Jesus teaching through this?

12. How is the statement in verse 35 — "Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother" important to the Kingdom moving forward?