

Assignments on Mark 3

Please read Mark 3 and answer the following questions.

1. What problem did the man have who was brought to Jesus – 3:1-3? What interest did certain of His enemies have in this event?

2. What question did Jesus ask – 3:4? Explain the significance of the question.

3. **Application:** How does the passage describe the feelings of Jesus – 3:5? What should we learn about anger? Is all anger sinful? Explain.

4. What did Jesus do for the man with a withered hand? What does this demonstrate about the nature of the miracles of Jesus?

5. With whom did the Pharisees then join forces – 3:6? What was their purpose?

6. What does this show you about the character of the enemies of Jesus? What should they have learned from the miracle that Jesus had just performed?

7. From what areas did people come when they heard about Jesus – 3:7,8 (see *map*)?

8. What precautions did Jesus need to take according to 3:9,10?

9. How did unclean spirits respond to Jesus – 3:11? What does this prove about Jesus and about the demons?

10. What did Jesus require of the demons – 3:12? Why might He have chosen to do this?

11. Whom did Jesus call to Him and how many did He appoint – 3:13,14?

12. What work did He have for these men and what power did He give them?

13. **Special Assignment:** Study other *passages* and list the requirements of apostles. How were they chosen? What qualifications did they need? What special powers did they have?

14. **Case Study:** Some churches claim that they today have men who are successors to the apostles and can do the work and have the power of apostles. Based on what the New Testament says about apostles, how would you respond to this?

15. List the names of the 12 apostles and briefly list what you know about each of them:

16. How popular and well received was Jesus at this time – 3:20,21?

17. What accusation did some scribes make against Jesus – 3:22? Did these men deny that Jesus was casting out demons? What does this show about Jesus' miracles?

18. What illustrations did Jesus use to respond to this accusation – 3:23-26?

19. Explain the illustrations and show how they disprove the accusation.

20. What illustration did Jesus then use to explain how He really cast out demons – 3:27? Explain how this illustration applied to the accusation that had been made.

21. What sin did Jesus say never has forgiveness – 3:28-30? **Define** blaspheme.

22. What happened that led Jesus to make this statement? Were any of the people who crucified Jesus forgiven? Proof? (Think: What does it mean to blaspheme the Holy Spirit?)

23. Who came seeking to speak to Jesus – 3:31,32?

24. Who did Jesus say is His mother and brothers – 3:33-35? Explain.

25. **Application:** What is Jesus' spiritual family? Give other **passages** to prove your answer. How can we be part of His family today?

26. **Case Study:** Some churches claim that Mary was a perpetual virgin and never engaged in the marriage union with Joseph. What can we learn from this context about that belief?