



Awkward! Mark 3

A. Jesus Continues to Do Miracles [3:1-12]

[1] Healing the Man with the Withered Hand [3:1-5]

[a] Response of the Pharisees [3:6]

[b] Response of the Region [3:7-10]

[c] Response of the Unclean Spirits [3:11-12]

B. The Apostles Appointed [3:13-19]

C. Three Awkward Moments [3:20-35]

[1] Family Assumption [3:20-21]

[2] Scribal Accusation [3:22-30]

[3] Jesus' Declaration [3:31-35]

[Primary Spiritual Family Value]



Study Questions/Prayer

[1] Read Mark 3:1-5. How did Jesus respond to the Pharisees' challenge about healing on the Sabbath, and what was their reaction?

[2] Read Mark 3:13-19. What was the significance of Jesus appointing the twelve apostles, and what authority did he give them?

[3] Read Mark 3:20-30. How did Jesus address the accusations from the scribes about being possessed by Beelzebul, and what was his teaching on the unity of a kingdom or house?

[4] Read Mark 3:31-35. How does Jesus define spiritual family values in the verses?

[5] Pray thanking God for His love and grace in your life and the truth found in scripture that nothing can take the gift of salvation away from you after you make Jesus Christ Lord of your life.

Mark 3:1-5 [also found in **Matthew 12:9-14**, and **Luke 6:6-11**] Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ["deformity may have been a defect from birth or atrophy resulting from paralysis"] ² And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ [So Jesus made a choice] And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." ⁴ And he said to them [Pharisees and Teachers], "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵ And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, [Mark 6:52, Romans 11:25, Ephesians 4:18] and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. [opposite of I Kings 13:4] ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately [Matthew 12:14] held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him. [12:13, 8:15, Matthew 22:16] [first explicit reference to Jesus' death]

Mark 3:7-10 Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, [from the conniving leaders, but not from the people] and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea ^{8a} and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. ^{8b} When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. ⁹ And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, [6:32, 6:45, 8:10] lest they crush him, [5:24,31] ¹⁰ for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him [5:29,34] to touch him. [6:56, Matthew 9:20-21, 14:36, Luke 6:19]

Mark 3:11-12 [Jesus shifts from healings to exorcisms] ¹¹ And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, [1:26, 1:34, Luke 4:41] they fell down before him [Luke 8:28] [posture of defeat - Jesus, having already defeated Satan, was the unclean spirits' master] and cried out, "You are the Son of God." [Matthew 14:33] ¹² And he strictly ordered them not to make him known. [Matthew 12:16]

Mark 3:13-19 [Appointment] And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. ¹⁴ And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach ¹⁵ and have authority to cast out demons. ¹⁶ He appointed the twelve: [1] Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); ¹⁷ [2] James the son of Zebedee and [3] John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); [4] ¹⁸ Andrew, and [5] Philip, and [6] Bartholomew, and [7] Matthew, and [8] Thomas, and [9] James the son of Alphaeus, and [10] Thaddaeus, and [11] Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹ and [12] Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

THE "THROUGH PETER'S EYES" READING CHALLENGE [THE GOSPEL OF MARK]

Read Mark 3

Answer the question below

What did you learn about Jesus in this chapter?

The Twelve Apostles [ESV Study Bible]

The grandest era in the world's history was ushered in by nobodies, by persons who, like their Leader, were despised and rejected of men.

- Spurgeon, *The Treasury of the New Testament*

Matthew 10:2-4	Mark 3:16-19	Luke 6:14-16	John (various verses)	Acts 1:13
1. Simon, who is called Peter	1. Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter)	1. Simon, whom he named Peter	Simon Peter (1:40-42)	1. Peter
2. Andrew his [Simon Peter's] brother	4. Andrew	2. Andrew his [Simon Peter's] brother	Andrew, Simon Peter's brother (1:40)	4. Andrew
3. James the son of Zebedee	2. James the son of Zebedee	3. James	unnamed son of Zebedee (21:2)	3. James
4. John his [James's] brother	3. John the brother of James	4. John	unnamed son of Zebedee (21:2)	2. John
5. Philip	5. Philip	5. Philip	Philip of Bethsaida (1:43-44)	5. Philip
6. Bartholomew	6. Bartholomew	6. Bartholomew	Nathanael of Cana (1:45-49; 21:2)*	7. Bartholomew
7. Thomas	8. Thomas	8. Thomas	Thomas called the Twin (11:16)	6. Thomas
8. Matthew the tax collector	7. Matthew (Levi, son of Alphaeus, a tax collector, 2:14)	7. Matthew (Levi, tax collector, 5:27)		8. Matthew
9. James the son of Alphaeus	9. James the son of Alphaeus	9. James the son of Alphaeus		9. James the son of Alphaeus
10. Thaddaeus	10. Thaddaeus	11. Judas the son of James	Judas (not Iscariot) (14:22)	11. Judas the son of James
11. Simon the Cananaean**	11. Simon the Cananaean	10. Simon who was called the Zealot		10. Simon the Zealot
12. Judas Iscariot	12. Judas Iscariot	12. Judas Iscariot	Judas the son of Simon Iscariot (6:71)	12. Matthias replaces Judas [who had died] (Acts 1:26)

Mark 3:20-21 [Assumption] Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, [kratesai - capture him] for they were saying, "He is out of his mind." [John 7:5]

Mark 3:22 [Accusation] And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," [literally means, Master of the house] and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." [Matthew 9:34, 12:24, 10:25, Luke 11:15, John 7:20]

Mark 3:23-26 [Refutation] ²³ And he called them to him [his accusers] and said to them in parables, [Jesus' reply in parables was actually a threefold message that contrasted unity and disunity. Nothing—including Satan's kingdom—can stand if it is divided. - NKJUSB] "How can Satan cast out Satan? [Matthew 12:25-29, Luke 11:17-22] ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end.

Mark 3:27 [Clarification] [NLT: Let me illiterate this further] But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

Mark 3:28-30 "Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — ³⁰ for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

Mark 3:31-35 And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³² And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." ³³ And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴ And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

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