Jesus' True Family

Mark 3:20-35

Key Verse: 3:35

1. How are the demands of Jesus’ ministry described (20)? What did Jesus’ family decide to do and why (21)? How is the Lord’s work sometimes opposed by well-meaning family members or friends?

2. Who else criticized Jesus’ ministry and how (22)? How did Jesus reveal the contradiction in their charge (23-26)? How can division destroy a house or kingdom? How was Satan tied up and plundered, and who did this (27)?

3. What great promise did Jesus give (28)? What warning did Jesus give and why (29-30)? What sin is unforgivable and why?

4. What did Jesus’ family expect when they arrived and sent word to him (31-32)? How did Jesus respond (33)? What did Jesus say to those seated around him (34-35)?

5. Read verses 34-35 again. Who are Jesus’ true family members and how were they doing God’s will? What is your relationship to Jesus and to other Christians?