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Judging Jesus

Mark 3:20-35

Series: Getting In on the Good News
The Gospel of Jesus Christ According to Mark

Central Passage

Mark 3:32–35 (ESV) — **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."

Central Thought: We get in on the Good News when we recognize the truth and the power of the works and words of Jesus and join him in doing the will of God for the sake of the world.

They Say...

- ❖ **The Crowd:** He's a miracle worker – someone who can meet my need.

John 6:26 (ESV) — **26** Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves."

- ❖ **His Family (and others):** He's insane or has at least taken things too far.

John 10:19–20 (ESV) — **19** There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. **20** Many of them said, "He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?"

- ❖ **The Establishment:** He's using Black magic!

Acts 8:9–11 (ESV) — **9** But there was a man named Simon, who had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great. **10** They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great." **11** And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic.

Jesus says...

- ❖ Deliberately misjudging him has eternal consequences.

John 10:37–38 (ESV) — **37** If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; **38** but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father."

- ❖ If we do the will of God, we are family!

John 15:15 (ESV) — **15** No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

The Good Confession...

Matthew 16:13–16 (ESV) — **13** Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" **14** And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." **15** He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" **16** Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."