

# Sermon

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Mark 3:20-35 (NIV)

20 Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were **not even able to eat.**

21 When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, **“He is out of his mind.”**



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## Mark 3:7-12 (ESV)

7 Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea ... 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, **lest they crush him**, 10 for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. |



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22 And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said,

“He is possessed by Beelzebul!

By the **prince of demons**  
he is driving out demons.”



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**Matthew 12:28 (NIV)**

**28 But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.**



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23 So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables:

“How can Satan drive out Satan?

24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that **kingdom cannot stand.**

25 If a house is divided against itself, that **house cannot stand.**

26 And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, **he cannot stand;**  
his end has come.



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**Matthew 12:30 (NIV)**

**30 “Whoever is not with me is against me,  
and whoever does not gather with me  
scatters.”**



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27 **In fact**, no one can enter a strong man’s house without first tying him up. Then he can **plunder** the strong man’s house.





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**Luke 11:21-22 (NIV)**

**21 “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. 22 But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up his plunder.”**



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## 1 Corinthians 6:19 (NIV)

19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?



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28 Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven  
**all their sins** and **every slander** they utter,

29 but whoever blasphemes against the  
Holy Spirit will **never be forgiven**;  
they are guilty of an **eternal sin.**”

30 He said this because they were saying,  
“He has an impure spirit.”



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*He calls the sin against the Holy Spirit a mortal sin. All of this is tantamount to saying “Whoever despairs in his sin or relies on good works sins against the Holy Spirit and against grace.” Of course, I should intercede for such people and pray that they may be freed from that sin and be converted; ...*



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*... but it is impossible that God be gracious to them so long as they are given to that sin, it is impossible that God's grace be of greater effect in their hearts than that sin, as is true of other sins. ... That is an intolerable sin. All other sins, which let grace triumph and reign are forgivable.  
(AE 19:48-49)*



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**Blood is thicker than  
water.**

**Original: The blood of  
the covenant is thicker  
than the water of the  
womb.**

**Meaning: The family  
you choose is stronger  
than the one you're  
born to.**





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## Luke 14:25-27 (NIV)

25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:

26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.  
27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.





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