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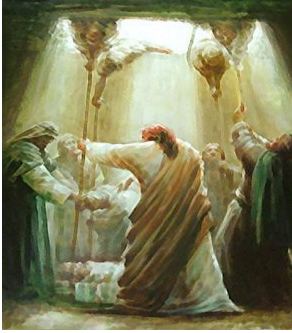
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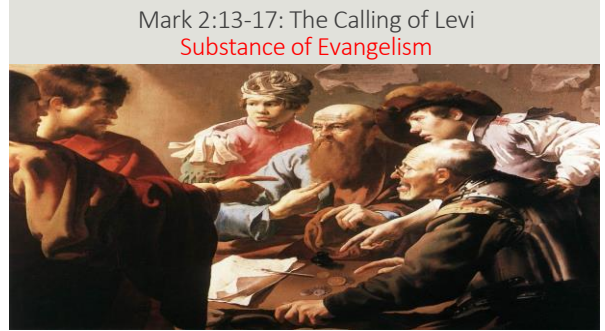
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Mark 2:1-12

*Forgiveness &  
healing of a  
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*Substance of  
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Mark 2:13-17: The Calling of Levi  
*Substance of Evangelism*

Mark 2:18-22 *Substance of Purpose*



Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-6  
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### MARK 3:7-8

... and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judaea and from Jerusalem, and from Idumaea, and from beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him.

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### MARK 3:9

... And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.

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### MARK 3:13-15

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### MARK 3:19

“... Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him”

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MARK 3:19

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MARK 3:22

"... And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils."

Mark 3:23-26

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And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan? And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end....

*The Logic of Truth*

### Mark 3:27

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No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house...

# WARNING!

*Rejecting Jesus Christ  
has consequences*

### Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit

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- Mark 3:28-29

Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme:

But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.

*Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit  
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Jesus performed exorcisms through the power of the Holy Spirit (authenticating Jesus).

Accusing him of carrying out ministry of exorcism by means of Satan

= blasphemy against the Holy Spirit

= amounts to a repudiation of person and message of Jesus.

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- Mark 3:30

Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

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- Mark 3:20-21

And the multitude cometh together again, so that they (*the disciples*) could not so much as eat bread. And when his friends heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him (*Jesus*): for they said, He is beside himself.

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- Mark 3:31-32

There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him. And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee.

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- Mark 3:33-35

And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren?

And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

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