

# *Bringing Down the House*

Gospel of Mark Series – Part 11

Scripture text – Mark 3:20-30

## Introduction

- In chapter 3, Mark has Jesus moving quickly from place-to-place, interacting with lots of people. Everyone seems to have a different \_\_\_\_\_ to him.
- Mark wants us to determine which response most describes ours.

## A Delegation from Jerusalem

- These men were probably members of the \_\_\_\_\_, the Jewish ruling council. They were likely there to make a determination whether to designate Capernaum a “\_\_\_\_\_ city.”
- Understanding unbelief (Romans 1):
  1. Everyone has \_\_\_\_\_ of God;
  2. Unbelievers \_\_\_\_\_ this knowledge (making them morally culpable); and
  3. It’s usually a matter of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Jesus’ Response

- The accusation was \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus wasn’t in cahoots with the kingdom of Satan, he was \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- This is why Jesus came: to begin destroying the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ while simultaneously inaugurating the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God, taught about it, and then died & rose again in order to \_\_\_\_\_ its victory.
- The kingdom of Satan is still standing momentarily before falling into a \_\_\_\_\_.
- This explains why Christians are a \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ people.

## The Unforgiveable Sin

- If you're worried about having committed the unforgiveable sin, that's evidence you \_\_\_\_\_.
- In interpreting Jesus' statement, we need to bear in mind the \_\_\_\_\_: Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ present performing \_\_\_\_\_. These exact circumstances cannot be duplicated in our day & time, so we need to be careful about too broad an application.
- In our day & time, the only "unforgiveable sin" is to \_\_\_\_\_ until death God's amazing offer of forgiveness through his \_\_\_\_\_.
- We ought to focus on Jesus' first statement: "*\_\_\_\_\_ the sins and blasphemies of men will be \_\_\_\_\_ them.*" JC Ryle calls this "*the crown and glory of the gospel.*"

## Conclusion

- So what's your \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus?
- Ideally, it would be the same as Simon Peter: "*Lord, to whom shall we \_\_\_\_\_?*" (John 6:68)