Mark 3:7 - 35

A period begins called the "withdrawals" to remove Himself from the Pharisee's Plot

But the common people flocked to Him

God had intervened among men and all of men wanted to know Him

the demoniacs and evil will not be the ones to announce Him.... rather the 12 will announce Him...

to learn from Him personally

to announce that
- the King has come
- here's what He said
- Repent and follow

as 12 tribes for Israel so 12 apostles for the new People of God

7 Jesus withdrew to the sea with His disciples; and a great multitude from Galilee followed; and *also* from Judea, **8** and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond the Jordan, and the vicinity of Tyre and Sidon, a great number of people heard of all that He was doing and came to Him. **9** And He told His disciples that a boat should stand ready for Him because of the crowd, so that they would not crowd Him; **10** for He had healed many, with the result that all those who had afflictions pressed around Him in order to touch Him. **11** Whenever the unclean spirits saw Him, they would fall down before Him and shout, "You are the Son of God!" **12** And He earnestly warned them not to tell who He was.

13 And He *went up on the mountain and *summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him. **14** And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He *could* send them out to preach, **15** and to have authority to cast out the demons. **16** And He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom He gave the name Peter), **17** and James, the *son* of Zebedee, and John the

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brother of James (to them He gave the name Boanerges,
which means, "Sons of Thunder"); [18] and Andrew, and Philip,
and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the
son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon
the Zealot; [19] and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him.

After this latest preaching tour (c.f. Matt.10)

[20] And He *came home, and the crowd *gathered again, to
such an extent that they could not even eat a
meal. [21] When His own people heard *of this*, they went out to

His family.. brothers and sisters

take custody of Him; for they were saying, "He has lost His

There are 3 RESPONSES the to Christ's ministry
1. "Mad"
2. "bad"
3. "Glad" (vv 23-27)

senses." [22] The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were
saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "He casts out the
demons by the ruler of the demons." [23] And He called them
to Himself and began speaking to them in parables, "How
can Satan cast out Satan? [24] If a kingdom is divided against
itself, that kingdom cannot stand. [25] If a house is divided
against itself, that house will not be able to stand. [26] If Satan
has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand,
but he is finished! [27] But no one can enter the strong man's
house and plunder his property unless he first binds the

this anticipates the coming age of the Church

strong man, and then he will plunder his house.

What will happen to Israel during the coming age?

[28] "Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of
men, and whatever blasphemies they utter; [29] but whoever

They will be Judicially overthrown..

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blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness,

but is guilty of an eternal sin"— [30] because they were saying,

Israel had committed an "unforgiveable" national sin.. they had blasphemed the work of God the Holy Spirit...

"He has an unclean spirit."

[31] Then His mother and His brothers *arrived, and standing

Who will be included in the church? The remnant of the nation of Israel.. those seated at His feet... the true family God

outside they sent *word* to Him and called Him. [32] A crowd

was sitting around Him, and they *said to Him, "Behold, Your

mother and Your brothers are outside looking for

You." [33] Answering them, He *said, "Who are My mother and

My brothers?" [34] Looking about at those who were sitting

around Him, He *said, "Behold My mother and My

brothers! [35] For whoever does the will of God, he is My

brother and sister and mother."

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