

Jesus Amidst Controversy – Mark 3



John 16:33 In the world you have *tribulation*.

Luke 6:26 Woe to *you when all men speak well of you*, for in the same way their fathers used to treat the false prophets.

To avoid criticism do nothing, say nothing & be nothing— and you'll *still* be criticized !

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Controversy: marked by the expression of opposing views.

Political: Republican, Democrat, Tea Party, Green Party, Libertarian, Constitution, Socialist Party, Communist Party USA, Anarchists.

Religious: Islam, Hindu, Voodoo, Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Wicca, Satanist, Rastafari, Atheist.

Social: Death Penalty, Abortion, Euthanasia, Homosexual marriage, Animal rights, Immigration, Climate change, College Tuition, National Debt in 2017 was \$21 Trillion - \$31 Billion & unsustainable.

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1. (Mk 3:1-6) **HAVE A DESIRE TO BLESS**. (Acts 10:38)

3:1 He entered again into a synagogue; and a man was there with **a withered hand**.



v2 And they were watching Him to see if He would **heal him on the Sabbath**, that they **might accuse Him**. (cf Mat 15:9)

v3-4 Jesus' **Courageous** Words. (cf Josh 1:9)

v6 Pharisees & Herodians plot **against Jesus**.

Each had a **motive** to want to destroy Jesus.
Jesus **Healed** on Sat & they wished to **Kill** on Sat.

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2.

(Mk 3:7-19) *INSPIRE OTHERS TO LEADERSHIP.*

If your actions
inspire others
to dream more, learn more,
do more and become more,
you are a
LEADER.

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2.

(Mk 3:7-19) **INSPIRE OTHERS TO LEADERSHIP.**

(Mk 3:7-12) **Jesus heals multitudes by the Lake.**

(Mk 3:13-19) **Jesus now appoints 12 on Mountain**



Jesus spent all night in prayer (Lk 6:13)

Peter The Rock v12
Sons of Thunder v17
Matthew **IRS** man v18
Doubting **Thomas** v.18
The traitor **Judas** v.19

Inspire others Heb 10:24

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3.

(Mk 3:20-30) *Growing Popularity
and Growing Criticism.*



v20 Huge Popularity, No time to eat.

*v21 His relatives & friends
came to take him away.*

v22 Scribes try to discredit Jesus as Satanic.

v23-27 Rebuttal: Country, family, Satan, thief

*v28-30 Blaspheme Spirit: Purpose of miracles
(John 20:31; Mk 16:20).*

What SINS are UN-forgivable? (1 John 1:9).

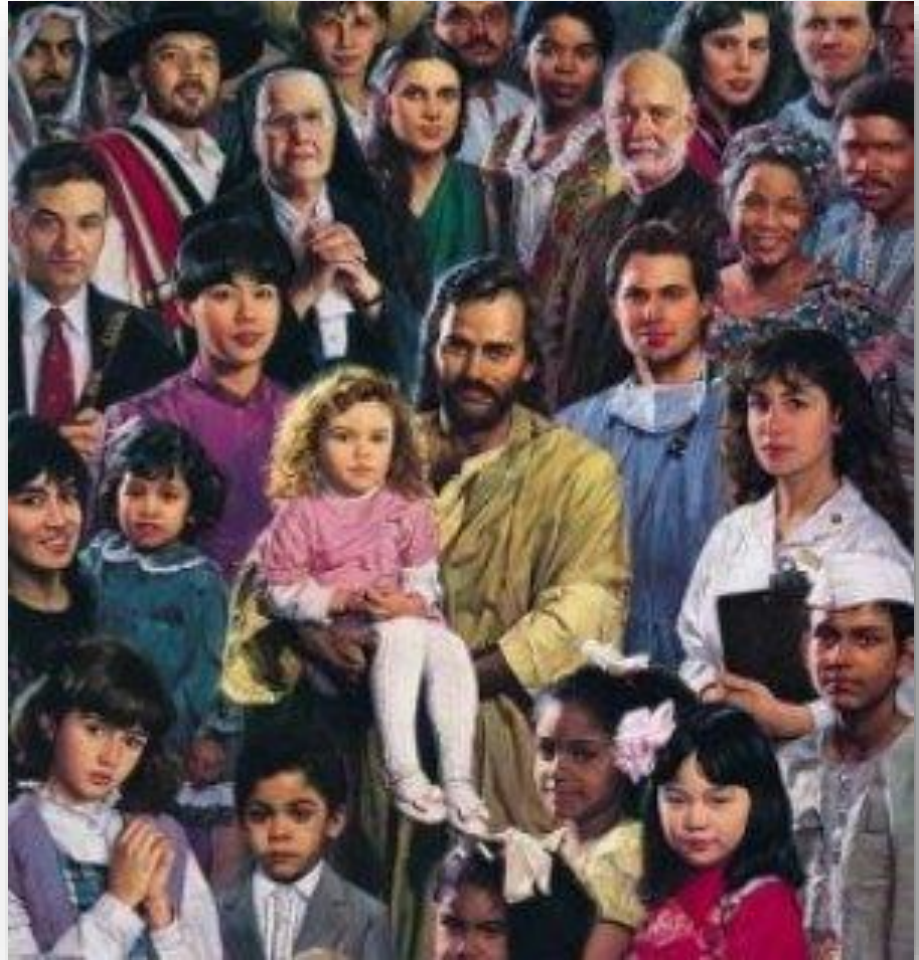
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4. (Mk 3:31-35) *Jesus LOVED amidst controversy.*

v.31-32 Now Jesus
immediate family
has come for him.

v.33-35 The most
obedient to God
is the closest
to Jesus.

Who do you **LOVE**
& are **CLOSEST** to?



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1 Pet 4:4 They are surprised you do not run with them and they malign you.

FACES OF HEROIN

Heroin: one of the most addictive drugs in the opiate family.



Skin crawling, sweating, needing to throw up and bones aching, a heroin addict's life is not pretty.

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1. He **BLESSED**
amidst criticism.

2. He **INSPIRED**
amidst criticism.

3. He **SERVED**
amidst criticism.

4. He **LOVED**
amidst criticism.

