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#### ENTERING THE SCENE:

We are early on in this gospel and the intensity is building fast. It doesn't take long for the religious authorities to mobilize in an effort to discredit Jesus before things get too out of hand. They grapple with the age old problem of where a powerful person is getting that power. Both religious and civil powers are joining forces in this effort to nip this new thing in the bud. Jesus gathers the 12 disciples and sets them out to preach and teach sharing his

power to overcome demons. Then he goes home for a break. But the pressure continues and his family sees the danger and comes to rescue him.

Mk. 3:20 He went **home** again, and once more such a **crowd** collected that they could not even have a meal. 21 When his **relations** heard of this, they set out to take charge of him; they said, 'He is **out of his mind**.' 22 The **scribes** who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, '**Beelzebul** is in him,' and, 'It is through the **prince of devils** that he drives devils out.' 23 So he called them to him and spoke to them in **parables**, 24 'How can **Satan** drive out **Satan**? If a **kingdom** is **divided** against itself, that **kingdom** cannot last. 25 And if a **household** is **divided** against itself, that **household** can never last. 26 Now if **Satan** has **rebelled** against himself and is **divided**, he cannot last either -- it is the end of him. 27 But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and **plunder** his property unless he has first **tied up** the strong man. Only then can he **plunder** his house. 28 'In truth I tell you, all human **sins** will be forgiven, and all the **blasphemies** ever uttered; 29 but anyone who **blasphemes** against the **Holy Spirit** will never be forgiven, but is guilty of an **eternal sin**.' 30 This was because they were saying, 'There is an **unclean spirit** in him.' 31 Now his **mother** and his **brothers** arrived and, **standing outside**, sent in a message asking for him. 32 A **crowd** was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Look, your **mother** and **brothers** and **sisters** are **outside** asking for you.' 33 He replied, 'Who are my **mother** and my **brothers**?' 34 And looking at those sitting in a circle round him, he said, 'Here are my **mother** and my **brothers**. 35 Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my **brother and sister and mother**.'

**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** Jesus' family thought he had "lost his mind" and wanted to rescue him from danger. Does my faith practices put me in similar danger?

**PRAYER:** Crazy man Jesus. You invite me to join you in your madness of loving unconditionally, even though who would wish me harm. Often, people who love me want me to come to my senses and go along to get along. I try that and don't find peace there. So what am I to do if I am to be known as a brother or sister? Help me as I struggle with the sense of division that your uncommon sense brings to my life and relationships. Amen.