

Jesus and Satan

Mark 3:20-30

Context - As the ministry of Jesus grows, the religious rulers of His day accuse Jesus of doing his work through the power of demons.

Main Idea - Jesus must be worshiped as the true Son of God and has all power over Satan.

When you study Jesus teaching on Satan...

1. _____ the right person (vs. 20-26)

- A. The religious Scribes were working against Jesus by telling everyone that Jesus was demon possessed and healing the masses through the power of Satan. Ironically, they were supporting the real Satan and opposing Jesus.
- B. Either you are helping the work of Jesus in this world or hindering it.

2. _____ Satan through Jesus (vs. 27)

- A. Jesus was able to expel demons because he had bound Satan, the strong man. Satan's house represents the sinful world over which, until the coming of Christ, he had such power. Jesus has come to plunder his house and rescue people for the kingdom of God (see Col. 1:13). (ESV Study Bible)
- B. James 4:7 (ESV) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

3. _____ not the Holy Spirit (vs. 28-30)

- A. What is the Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit? - If a person persistently attributes to Satan what is accomplished by the power of God—that is, if one makes a flagrant, willful, decisive judgment that the Spirit's testimony about Jesus is satanic—then such a person never has forgiveness. (ESV Study Bible)
- B. Isaiah 5:20 (ESV) Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!