

Mark Chapter 3

Why do you come to
Jesus?

Demons

Thwart God's purposes (Dan 10:10-14; Rev 16:13-16)

Extend Satan's authority by doing his bidding (Eph 6:10-11)

Inflict people with diseases. (Matt 9:33)

Possess the bodies of men and of animals to control their actions. (Matt 4:24; Mark 5:13)

Oppose the spiritual growth of believers. (Eph 6:12)

Disseminate false doctrine or teaching. (1 Tim 4:1)

C. S. Lewis

There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.

Paul's warning

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. *Ephesians 6:12*

Satan wants to destroy you

Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. *1 Peter 5:8-9*

Reason 1

“...a great number of people heard of all that He was doing and came to Him.” Mark 3:8b

Reason 2

“... and (He) summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him.” Mark 3:13b

Why Respond?

And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him...

... and that He *could* send them out to preach, and to have authority to cast out the demons.

Mark 3:14-15

Reason 3

“The scribes who came down from
Jerusalem...” *Mark 3:22*

Reason 4

“Then His mother and His brothers arrived ...” *Mark 3:31b*

“to take custody of”

...they went out to take custody of Him for they were saying, “He has lost His senses.” *Mark 3:21*

Reason 5

“A crowd was sitting around Him...”

Mark 3:32a

He was their priority

Then His mother and His brothers arrived, and standing outside they sent *word* to Him and called Him. *Mark 3:31*

They were prepared

“A crowd was sitting around Him...”

Mark 3:32a

They are close to Him

Answering them, He said, “Who are My mother and My brothers?” Looking about at those who were sitting around Him, He said, “Behold My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother.” *Mark 3:33-35*