



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Mark 3: 20-35

Jesus came home with his disciples.

Again the crowd gathered,
making it impossible for them even to eat.

When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him,
for they said, "He is out of his mind."

The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said,
"He is possessed by Beelzebul,"

and "By the prince of demons he drives out demons."

Summoning them, he began to speak to them in parables,
"How can Satan drive out Satan?

If a kingdom is divided against itself,
that kingdom cannot stand.

And if a house is divided against itself,
that house will not be able to stand.

And if Satan has risen up against himself
and is divided, he cannot stand;
that is the end of him.

But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property
unless he first ties up the strong man.

Then he can plunder the house.

Amen, I say to you,

all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be
forgiven them.

But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit
will never have forgiveness,
but is guilty of an everlasting sin."
For they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."
His mother and his brothers arrived.
Standing outside they sent word to him and called him.
A crowd seated around him told him,
"Your mother and your brothers and your sisters
are outside asking for you."
But he said to them in reply,
"Who are my mother and my brothers?"
And looking around at those seated in the circle he said,
"Here are my mother and my brothers.
For whoever does the will of God
is my brother and sister and mother."

Our Scripture Reflection

The religious leaders tried to discredit Jesus by accusing Him of being in league with the devil. After all the good he had done at this point in His ministry, how could they possibly say such a thing? In their arrogance, they themselves had become partners with Satan. Jesus would not be deterred, however. He came to lay down His life for all of us, including those who attacked Him.

Food for your Journey

An old man lived in the center of a desolate and hopeless city. The man walked outside of his house and onto the streets and yelled, "Love, peace, righteousness!" The next day he would do the same thing — he would leave his house, walk onto the street and yell at the top of his lungs, "Love, peace, righteousness!" He would do this every day, rain or shine, like clockwork.

One day the man's next-door neighbor, who was tired of the daily yelling, went out on the street and confronted him. He said, "Hey man, are you crazy? What the heck do you think you are doing? Every day you come out of your house and yell 'love, peace, righteousness!' Fool, don't you know nobody is listening to you? This city is full of hate and crime and hopelessness, there is no love of neighbor and there is no peace and righteousness to be found, so

give it a rest and save your breath! Don't you know that you can't change the world?"

The old man said, "You are right, my yelling and shouting about 'love, peace and righteousness' may not change the world, but one thing it will do is to stop the world from changing me."

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Strengthen me and make me steadfast as I witness to You each day. May my love for You keep me close to You and help me to draw people to Yourself. Amen