

June 9th 2024 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B Mark 3:20-35

³⁻²⁰ Jesus went home and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸ 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— ³⁰for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' ³³And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel. ➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition. ➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).
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In this week's Gospel we hear of the attitude of Jesus's relatives. They are typical of people who because of their status think they can take charge of Jesus but in fact do not understand Him at all. We also hear of a dramatic meeting between Jesus and his relatives, they are totally out of His sphere and He has understood this and accepted it.

Were there times in your life when you were not understood by your family?
 Perhaps some regard your interest in faith or church a little strange.
 What sustained you in these circumstances?

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for the the people who have taken great risks and found themselves surrounded by the needy while wise and powerful people were convinced that they were out of their minds and wanted to take charge of them.

Forgive us Lord for the times we put labels on people, instead of realising we are all members of the family of God and all equal in His eyes. He is always there just waiting for our call for forgiveness.

Lord help us to be humble like Jesus and do not let us think that knowledge of our faith enables us to judge people.