

## Campfire Tales: Stories the Disciples Told

## Mark 3:13-35

Name the various groups that are surrounding Jesus and interacting with him in this passage.

How big do you think these groups are?

Which group/s is Jesus in conflict with and which is he in positive relationship with?

How can you tell?

Jesus is definitely in the middle of it all – how does he relate to each group?

Does he engage with everyone?

Let's think about the "house divided" statement. Jesus mentions Satan can't oppose himself, i.e. Satan can't drive out Satan.

Then Jesus references the Holy Spirit saying, "whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven".  
What do you think about that?

Blasphemy - the act or offense of speaking sacrilegiously about God or sacred things
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When we think about the Doctrine of the Trinity, and the oneness of the Father/Son and Holy Spirit when/if someone blasphemes against the Holy Spirit are they also blaspheming against the Father and the Son? How does that impact forgiveness?

Jesus closes this episode with "Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Who among the various groups continue to follow Jesus? Who chooses not to? What do you make of the shifting of thought and allegiance?

Think about FRC. What are some of the groups that make up the church – formal groups and informal. Do the various groups cause division or unity? Is the house divided or united?

What becomes the unifying factor in a church?

Pray for FRC and the following of God's Will.