
Date: 3/19/23 **Message:** How Do You Solve a Problem Like Jesus?

Series: Gospel of Mark **Scripture:** Mark 3:20-35

People's thoughts on Jesus: _____

Jesus' thoughts on the world: _____

The elephant in the room: _____

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Mark 3:20-35

1. Do you find it more comforting or troubling that Jesus' family didn't immediately recognize who He was? Why?
2. What would it take for you to be convinced that one of your relatives was the Living God, Creator of Heaven and Earth, and the final judge of humanity? What does it say about Jesus that His family eventually did believe that's exactly who He was?
3. Jesus claims the world has been infiltrated and taken captive by an evil "strong man," but He has come to set us free—which is a very similar plot to many of our fairy tales. Do the similarities between Jesus and fairytales increase your faith or increase your doubts? Why?
4. If Jesus' understanding of what has gone wrong with the world isn't correct, what is? Why are there so many problems if we haven't been infiltrated by evil forces?
5. How does Jesus eventually defeat the evil strong man? How should His approach influence the way that we overcome evil ourselves? (See Romans 12:17-21)
6. Why would some people resist guidance and direction from the Holy Spirit? Why have you resisted Him in the past? What happened when you did?