

Where's Your Chair?

Mark 3 19b-35



Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob.
Psalm 114:7

Praising:

Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
sisters and brothers, parents and kin,
love, only love, is his name.

Reading:

Mark 3:19b-35
Jesus' sanity is questioned

Because of the miraculous things Jesus is doing, some people jumped to the wrong spiritual conclusion. It might seem surprising that the first to ask questions about Jesus' state of mind are his own family. Those who presumably thought they knew Jesus best of anyone, are faced with a lot to process and explain – and the good name of their family to protect. The power

Jesus is demonstrating has to come from somewhere, so for those struggling to understand who Jesus is there is a straight choice. Either he is the promised Messiah of God, or he is the opposite: an agent of the devil if not the devil himself. It was for those who called him evil that Jesus had some of his strongest words of warning – possibly because they were working to their own religious agenda.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord we pray for a world which seems spiritually divided

- we pray for those people who seem to call good evil and evil good
- we pray for those who seem indifferent to truth, untouched by love and unmoved by sin
- we pray for those striving to be faithful to the way and words of Christ

Father, grant me understanding and patience as I talk to those who are undecided about Jesus that I may show them something of the love that he has shown to me. Amen

Doing:

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