

## Sermon Notes

Disjointed Perspectives  
Mark 3:7 – 35

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**It's important to see Jesus not as who we want Him to be, but as who He actually is.**

### **Jesus as a vendor/entertainer**

**Those drawn to Jesus because He is cool, entertaining, or useful don't tend to stay with Him very long.**

**If you want to present Jesus as a vendor make sure He is a vendor of truth, goodness, and beauty.**

### **Jesus as Lord/Master**

**Those who follow Him as Lord: Spend time with Him, Preach Him, and fight evil alongside Him.**

### **Jesus as crazy extremist**

**Avoid the temptation to water down Jesus to make him more acceptable to others.**

### **Jesus as enemy**

**Jesus is the strongest ally we can have in the battle against evil.**

### **Jesus as family**

## **Questions for Reflection/Discussion:**

*As always feel free to tweak, skip, or add questions to focus on areas you think most relevant to your group.*

1. What is a hobby you bought into for a short time, but quickly gave up?
2. How is it both true and misleading to present Jesus as a vendor or someone who helps you get what you want?
3. Do you see a world craving truth, goodness, and beauty right now? Why or why not?
4. Why is it important to spend time with Jesus? How are you doing in this area right now?
5. Which do you find more challenging preaching Jesus or fighting evil alongside Him? Why?
6. Which aspects of Jesus teaching make people think Jesus is a crazy extremist today?
7. Are you ever tempted to water down/ soften Jesus' teachings? What motivates us to want to do that at times?
8. Why do you think it's such a big deal for the teachers of the law to attribute the work of Jesus and the Spirit to Satan?
9. If your life was a newspaper what headline about Jesus would it be declaring?
10. What do you see Jesus' saying in his comments about family?