ALLEGIANCE TO THE KING?

MARK 3:7-35

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INTRODUCTION

3 scenes:

- Scene #1: Lakeside Ministry (v.7-12)
- Scene #2: The symbolic new community (v.13-19)
- Scene #3: Houses and Bindings (v.20-35)

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SCENE #1: LAKESIDE MINISTRY (7-12)

- The Mob: why did they come?
- Healing a good enough reason?
- · Jesus: authority over the demonic.
- The Mob: No allegiance to the King, only selfishness

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SCENE #1: LAKESIDE MINISTRY (7-12) Challenge for us: What do you want from the King? If you received it, would you be in allegiance with the King or just go back to normal life? **SCENE #2: THE SYMBOLIC NEW** • Important imagery: Mountainside (v.13) · Stronger emphasis on allegiance and obedience (v.13-14) • Important imagery: Twelve (v.14) · Jesus - not just another rabbi. · Matthew the tax collector vs. Simon the Zealot **SCENE #2: THE** SYMBOLIC NEW Challenge for us: Are we willing to accept the community of the King?

SCENE #3: HOUSES AND BINDINGS (20-35)

- V.20-21: Jesus has gone mad?!
- V.22-30:
 - Accusation!
 - 3 parables: a house divided; binding the strong man; blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.
 - Promise & warning
- V.31-35: Jesus' true family?
 - Binding Jesus vs. being bound to doing God's will

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SCENE #3: HOUSES AND BINDINGS (20-35)

Challenge for us today:

Do you even recognise Jesus as King?

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WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE US?

Three challenges to our allegiance to Jesus Christ the King:

- 1. What do you want from the King? If you received it what difference would it make?
- 2. Are we willing to accept the community of the King?
- 3. Do you even recognise Jesus as King?

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