

A long-exposure photograph of a car at night, showing multiple curved light trails in red and white against a dark background. The trails originate from the bottom left and curve towards the right, suggesting a turn or a curved path. The background is dark, with some faint, distant lights visible.

MARK

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account*

Mark

- John Mark
- The Gospel of Peter
- Gentile Audience
- Who is Jesus?
- Who is Jesus to you?

Mark 3:7-35

Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. **When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him.**

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9 And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, **lest they crush him**, 10 for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. 11 And **whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God."** 12 And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

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13 And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. 14 And **he appointed twelve** (whom he also named apostles) **so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach 15 and have authority to cast out demons.**

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16 He appointed the twelve: **Simon** (to whom he gave the name Peter); 17 **James** the son of Zebedee and **John** the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); 18 **Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James** the son of Alphaeus, and **Thaddaeus, and Simon** the Zealot, 19 **and Judas** Iscariot, who betrayed him.

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20 Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. 21 **And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."**

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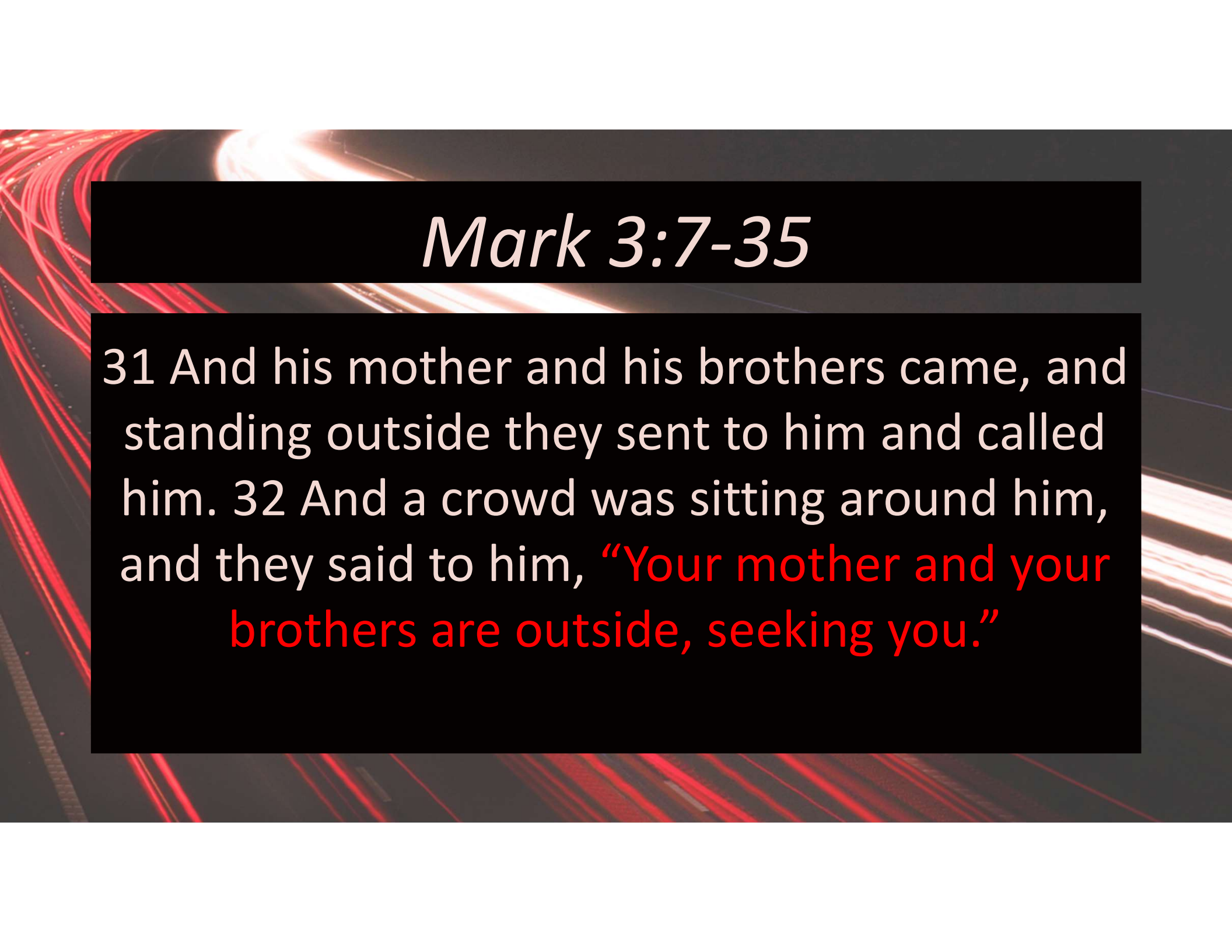
22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.”

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23 And he called them to him and said to them in parables,
“How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided
against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 And if a house is
divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26
And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he
cannot stand, but is coming to an end. 27 **But no one can enter
a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first
binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.**

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28 “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, 29 **but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin**” — 30 for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”



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31 And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. 32 And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.”

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33 And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" 34 And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 **For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.**"

So What?

- What have you seen Jesus do lately?
- Who are you investing in?
- How do you respond when Jesus does not act like you expect?
- Who gets priority in your schedule?



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2 Corinthians 9:7

