

## Charged with Breaking and Entering Mark 3:7-30

Jesus invites us to enter His kingdom by turning from the ruling principles of the world and submitting to His Lordship

Our mystery **the meaning of Jesus' parable in vs. 27**

### What?

**We battle the kingdom of darkness and night, capturing lives for the kingdom of light**

The desperation of the crowds and the calling of The Twelve—

Vss. 7-11—This **crowd was desperate**—they were crushing Jesus, pressing in on Him, clinging to (touching) Him

**They had affliction**—Mark uses an unusual word that means “lashes,” “torment,” because **many were possessed by demons**

Jesus exemplified Kingdom work as He **reclaimed lives from the darkness**—He had entered Satan’s territory

Vss. 13-19—Jesus summoned those whom **He** willed to **be with Him**

They were **called for the sake of the crowds**, to preach and reclaim people from the kingdom of darkness

We also have been commissioned, or “**charged**,” with **reclaiming the captives of the enemy**

**The Big Question—What does the metaphor of the strong man mean?**

**Satan is the strong man**—he is able to keep people under his control; his **house is the world, his kingdom**, God’s creation that he has usurped; **Jesus is the one who binds** Satan; **the plunder is the crowds**, the ones Jesus rescues

Connection with Jesus—

Here is **the commission we’ve been charged with**

*Matthew 28:19-20, ESV—“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age”*

**At the cross, Jesus subdued Satan**, and he is now on a leash

**Spiritual warfare** is both defensive and offensive; we go on the **offensive** by reclaiming lives, by **plundering Satan’s house**

So we’ve been **charged with breaking and entering**, called and commissioned to enter Satan’s domain and reclaim lives

### So What?

*Colossians 1:13-14, ESV—He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins*

The armour of God includes **offensive and defensive items**

James says “**resist the devil**;” that’s the **defensive part**

**The offensive weapon is the sword** of the Spirit

We go on the offensive **by proclaiming the word of God**

**No human strength** can accomplish Kingdom work—only our being with Jesus and His Holy Spirit being with us

The last word—Luke

*Acts 26:17-18, NIV—I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God*

### Now What?

Realize that life is war, and put on the “whole armour of God” every day

Pray that these strange times will give us opportunity to claim lives from the kingdom of darkness