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Unite!

Bind the strong man, and plunder his village.

Mark 3:24-27

If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house.

After teaching in the synagogues of Galilee and healing many in the surrounding towns, Jesus' own family began to speak of him as a man out of his mind. Who could this guy be that teaches crowds, gathers a following, casts out demons, and heals diseases? A man with this type of power must have a supernatural power source from demons or the devil himself.

Then the scribes joined in. "It is by the prince of demons" that Jesus does his deeds.

These verses in Mark 3 are his response.

Jesus has been going into the strong man's house. He has taken authority over the strong man, tying him up. Jesus is plundering the devil and his work. He is NOT empowered by the devil to attack the devil. As the Son of God he is empowered by the Spirit of God under the authority of Father God to wage war and be victorious over the enemy.

As His followers, we are called to do the same. We are to take the authority that Christ has given us and resist the devil. The gates of hell WILL NOT prevail! The church has been given the task and the promise that in faith we will succeed. We are the children of God, filled with the Spirit of God, living for the glory of Father God.

Here is a question to consider in this discussion: If we are divided as a body of Christ, will we be able to stand?

A united body of Christ cannot be stopped. With the charge given to advance the kingdom of God and the promise given that we will overcome by our faith, it is high time to unite and bind up the strong man who stands in opposition to the King. It is time to go into his house - the anti-God community - and win some souls.

Remember this: We FIGHT in the prayer closet, and we LOVE in the flesh. The combination of invoking God's power to bind up the devil and loving our friends, neighbors and enemies with the message of truth, we will see God's kingdom grow.