Then Jesus went home; 20 and the crowd came to-geth-er a-gain, so that he and the Twelve could not
e-ven eat. 21 When his family heard it, they went out to re-strain him, for people were saying, “He
has gone out of his mind.”

22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Be - el - ze-bul, and by the rul-er
of the demons he casts out de-mons.” 23 And he called them to him, and spoke to them in par- a- bles,
“How can Sa-tan cast out Sa-tan? 24 If a kingdom is di-vid-ed a-gainst it-self, that king-dom can-not
stand. 25 And if a house is di-vid-ed a-gainst it - self, that house will not be a-ble to stand. 26 And if
Satan has risen up a-gainst him-self and is di-vid-ed, he cannot stand, but his end has come. 27 But no
one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property with-out first ty-ing up the strong man;
then indeed the house can be plun-dered. 28 “Tru-ly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins

and what-ev-er blas-phe-mies they ut-ter; 29 but whoever blasphemates against the Holy Spirit can

never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an e-ter-nal sin”— 30 for they had said, “He has an unclean

spir-it.”

31 Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.

32 A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your broth-ers and sis-ters

are out-side, ask-ing for you.” 33 And he replied, “Who are my moth-er and my broth-ers?” 34 And

looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my broth-ers! 35 Who-ev-er
does the will of God is my broth-er and sis-ter and moth-er.” ❧ The Gos-pel of the Lord.