The Real Mary of the Bible Once Thought Jesus Was Crazy and Left to Take Charge of Him

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■ Mark 3:21 ▶

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At the point of Mark 3:21, Jesus' natural family thought he was CRAZY and left to stop what he was doing ("seize him"). At Mark 3:31, they arrived and are identified as "Jesus' mother and brothers". NOTE: not only did Mary think

Jesus was CRAZY at that time, she wanted to STOP what he was doi:

he was sinlessly and perfectly in the will of God.

At this point, Mary thought Jesus was Cl

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having heard [of it] those

Carefully read Mark 3:21-35. The verse with different renderings is Mark 3:21. Here are the two differences from four different translations, with the latter two being Catholic:

When **his family** heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." (Mk. 3:21, NIV)

And when **his family** heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind." (Mk. 3:21, ESV)

The Catholic Douay-Rheims translation reads differently:

And when his friends had heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him. For they said: He is become mad. (Mk. 3:21)

A different Catholic translation (New American Bible) says:

When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." (Mk. 3:21, NAB)

Therefore, Catholics are momentarily divided, but all doubt vanishes, and it becomes explicitly clear who thought Jesus was *crazy* at Mark 3:31. All the translations state:

"His mother and his brothers arrived...." (Mark 3:31)

NOTE: The same ones, who wrongly thought Jesus was *crazy* and who left to take charge of him at Mark 3:21, arrived at Mark 3:31. (In between those two citations, is a fiery dialogue with the Lord Jesus and the teachers of the law, who blasphemed the Holy Spirit by saying Jesus had an evil spirit.)

Then the same ones who thought Jesus was crazy and who left at v. 21 arrived:

Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. (Mark 3:31)

Any ambiguity from Mark 3:21 is gone with that verse, but there is more to note - what Jesus said about his *mother*:

A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother." (Mark 3:32-35)

Jesus did not acknowledge Mary, and he further stated:

Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother. (Mark 3:35)

Jesus declared his disciples to be his **spiritual** *family* (including his *mother*); that assertion is similar to Jesus' public correction of Mary's 'exalted position,' as his biological parent, as proclaimed by this Catholic-like woman:

As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, "Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you." He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it." (Luke 11:27,28)

Apparently, sometime after Mark 3:21-35, the Mary of the Bible tumed away from her unbelief, for she was with the other 120 Christians in the Upper Room, waiting with them, to be filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1).

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