

Exegesis Exercise 5- Due Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Read Mark 3:7-5:43

1. Outline/list the main events and your observations of their significance.  
(For larger assignments, break the assigned reading down into the smaller sections. Give the verse numbers for each section. Then summarize the section and explain how it is related to the sections before and after.)
2. List any questions you have or anything you think needs further study.
3. Answer the following questions
  - a. Why did crowds follow Jesus in 3:7-12?
  - b. What did Jesus call the disciples to do in 3:13-19?
  - c. How did Jesus refute his opponents' accusation that He was possessed by the devil?
  - d. What does Jesus' speech about 'a kingdom divided' teach us about the Kingdom of God?
  - e. Who did Jesus designate as His 'family' in 3:31-35?
  - f. Why did Jesus speak in parables?
  - g. What does the parable of the sower tell us about the Kingdom of God?
  - h. What did Jesus mean by "consider closely what you hear" in 4:24?
  - i. In the parable of the growing seed (4:26-29), what do the man and the seed represent? What does this tell us about the Kingdom of God?
  - j. How is the Kingdom of God like a mustard seed?
  - k. Why did Jesus rebuke His disciples in 4:40?
  - l. What does the calming of the storm tell us about Jesus?
  - m. What request did Jesus deny (5:18-19)? Why?
  - n. How does the faith of the bleeding woman compare with the faith of Jairus (5:21-43)?
4. Summarize how this section contributes to Mark's purpose.