Chapter 3. Jesus went into the synagogue again and noticed a man with a deformed hand. Verse 2. Since it was the Sabbath, Jesus’ enemies watched him closely. If he healed the man’s hand, they planned to accuse him of working on the Sabbath. Verse 3. Jesus said to the man, "Come and stand in front of everyone." NLT
Verse 4. Then he turned to his critics and asked, "Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?" But they wouldn't answer him. Verse 5. He looked around at them angrily and was deeply saddened by their hard hearts.
Then he said to the man, "Hold out your hand." So the man held out his hand, and it was restored! Verse 6. At once the Pharisees went away and met with the supporters of Herod to plot how to kill Jesus. NLT
Verse 7. Jesus went out to the lake with his disciples, and a large crowd followed him. They came from all over Galilee, Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, from east of the Jordan River, and even from as far north as Tyre and Sidon. The news about his
Miracles had spread far and wide, and vast numbers of people came to see him. Verse 9. Jesus instructed his disciples to have a boat ready so the crowd would not crush him. Verse 10. He had healed many people that day, so all the sick...
people eagerly pushed forward to touch him. Verse 11. And whenever those possessed by evil spirits caught sight of him, the spirits would throw them to the ground in front of him shrieking, "You are the Son of God!" Verse 12. But Jesus sternly commanded the spirits not to reveal who he was. NLT
Verse 13. Afterward Jesus went up on a mountain and called out the ones he wanted to go with him. And they came to him. Verse 14. Then he appointed twelve of them and called them his apostles. They were to accompany him, and he would send them out to preach,
Verse 15. giving them authority to cast out demons. Verse 16. Here are their names: Simon (whom he named Peter), Verse 17. James and John (the sons of Zebedee, but Jesus nicknamed them "Sons of Thunder"),
Verse 20. One time Jesus entered a house, and the crowds began to gather again. Soon he and his disciples couldn't even find time to eat. Verse 21. When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said. NLT
Verse 22. But the teachers of religious law who had arrived from Jerusalem said, "He's possessed by Satan, the prince of demons. That's where he gets the power to cast out demons." Verse 23. Jesus called them over and responded with an illustration. "How can Satan cast out Satan?" he asked. NLT
Verse 24. "A kingdom divided by civil war will collapse. Verse 25. Similarly, a family splintered by feuding will fall apart. Verse 26. And if Satan is divided and fights against himself, how can he stand? He would never survive. NLT
Verse 27. Let me illustrate this further. Who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man like Satan and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger -- someone who could tie him up and then plunder his house. Verse 28. "I tell you the truth, all sin and blasphemy can be forgiven,
Verse 29. but anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. This is a sin with eternal consequences.” Verse 30. He told them this because they were saying, “He’s possessed by an evil spirit.” Verse 31. Then Jesus’ mother and brothers came to see him. They stood
outside and sent word for him to come out and talk with them. Verse 32. There was a crowd sitting around Jesus, and someone said, “Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you.” Verse 33. Jesus replied, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?”

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Verse 34. Then he looked at those around him and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers. Verse 35. Anyone who does God's will is my brother and sister and mother." NLT