

The Gospel Meditation
Blasphemy Against the Holy Spirit
Mark 3:13–30

1. Jesus went up on a mountain and called to Himself twelve of those He was choosing to be His disciples, named in the following verses.
2. He called them apostles, meaning ones who are called out for three purposes: to be with Him, to be sent out to preach, and to have authority to cast out demons.
3. One of the twelve, the last-named disciple was Judas Iscariot, the only one of twelve cited with his last name.
4. Jesus thereupon returned home, probably to Capernaum, and when His family heard of it, they attempted to “seize” Him, thinking He was mentally ill.
5. At a point somewhat later, some scribes from Jerusalem came up to Galilee accusing Him of being possessed by the chief of demons, Beelzebul.
6. Jesus knew of this, and when He met them, He hoped they would see the mistake they were making: if He were Beelzebul, why would He be casting out demons, since Beelzebul was the chief demon?
7. Finishing His communication with the scribes, He gave them a severe warning, likely hoping they would see the errors of their ways.
8. Then a final warning: to charge the Holy Spirit with uttering blasphemies would result in an eternal or unforgiveable sin, which was what the scribes were doing. Because they were saying Jesus had an unclean spirit in Him, they were charging Jesus with blasphemy.

Notes:

Second Sunday of Lent

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Congregation:** And also with you.

Gloria Patri

Hymn: # 21 O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Call to Worship:

Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”

Leader: We have been born again by the Spirit of God.

People: WHETHER YOUNG OR OLD IN CHRIST, WE ARE EAGER TO GROW UP INTO HIS FULLNESS.

Leader: Maturing and growing up into the fullness of Christ,

People: WE ARE CALLED TO GIVE HIM PRAISE AND GLORY.

Leader: Putting away childish things, we are here to worship the Lord our God.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day: O GOD, FROM WHOM ALL GOOD THINGS COME: LEAD US BY THE INSPIRATION OF YOUR SPIRIT TO THINK THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE RIGHT, AND BY YOUR GOODNESS HELP US TO DO THEM; THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. Amen.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:32–34; Mark 6:7–13; John 7:1–8; 12:31–36; Romans 1:1–6; Revelation 21:9–14.

Memory Verse And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him, and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons. Mark 3:14–15

Reflection: We are all called to be apostles.

Choruses: “I’m Not My Own” & “Seek Ye First” & John & Merrily & the choir on “Follow Me”

Offertory Theme: Easier for some than others.

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Ways to give when not present at service:

- 1) Go to the “Giving” page of our website: milleravenuechurch.org/giving and click on the “Donate” button, then follow the link.
- 2) Download the GivePlus+ app on your smartphone, then input Miller Avenue Church and follow the instructions.
- 3) Text a dollar amount (e.g., \$25) to 844-918-0231, then follow the link.
- 4) Mail a check to Miller Avenue Church, 285 Miller Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941

The Doxology

Announcements: Birthdays, Reminder about Bible study moving to Friday evening, Friday night prayer, Theology class (2nd and 4th Tuesdays 5:50–7 pm via Zoom), lunch after service, and food in the silver refrigerator.

Bible Exposition: John 1:19–28 (Doug)

Hymn: “You Are My All in All”

Sermon: The Twelve Apostles &
Blasphemy Against the Holy Spirit
Mark 3:13–30 (Kent)

Receiving Jesus in the Bread and the Cup:

The Confessional: “For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

The Jesus Prayer: (sung twice): “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

The Promise of acceptance and forgiveness: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

Individual, silent prayers of confession-The Lord’s Prayer

The Confirmation: “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1

The Assurance: “Those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.” Romans 8:30

Everyone is invited to Receive the Bread and the Cup

Benediction Song: “We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord”, etc.

Aaronic Benediction (Numbers 6:24–26): May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Shalom. Amen.

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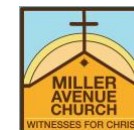
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Your iPhone (at the App Store) or Android phone (at the Play Store)
Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV, Google TV, YouTube, Cross.TV





Ministry Associates

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← “Jesus Curses Against the Pharisees” by James Tissot

WEEKLY SCHEDULE	
SUNDAY	
Morning Worship <i>(in person and via Zoom)</i>	10:30 am –12:00 pm
Snacks and Gathering	12:20 pm –1:20 pm
Spanish Evening Worship <i>(in person)</i>	3:00 – 4:30 pm
TUESDAY	
Theology class <i>(via Zoom)</i>	5:50 – 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	
Divorce Recovery Workshop <i>(via Zoom)</i>	6:50 pm – 8:30 pm
FRIDAY	
Bible Study in the parsonage	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Prayer Meeting in the chapel: English and Spanish	8:00 pm - ?
SATURDAY	
Donated distribution in the Hall	10:30 – 11:30 am

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
our Lord. He was conceived by the power
of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin
Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third
day He rose again. He ascended into
heaven and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
Christian Church, the communion
of the saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen**

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Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. **Amen**

Visitor Information Card

**✂ Please tear off and fill out
card. Place in offering basket or
give to church staff member.**

Today’s Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Prayer Request

Please pray for: _____

Other comments: _____

☐ I would like someone to
contact me to pray over more
confidential matters.

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to learn more about:

☐ Christianity

☐ The Bible

☐ Baptism

☐ Receiving Counseling

☐ Deliverance Ministry

☐ Other

I am interested in helping with:

☐ Lunch

☐ Fix-up and Clean-up

☐ Donated Food Pick-up

☐ Worship music

☐ Worship Audio/Visual

☐ Television Crewing

☐ Pastoral Care Team

☐ Teaching

☐ Writing and Publishing

☐ Website Maintenance

☐ Other

I am interested in attending:

☐ Wed. Eve. Divorce Recovery

☐ Men's Group (TBD)

☐ Women's Bible Study (TBD)

☐ Zoom Class on Christian Basics

Other Comments:

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

Morning Service:

Mar. 10:

Sermon= Mark 3:31–4:9 (Kent)

Expo= John 1:29–34 (Daniel)

Mar. 17:

Sermon= Mark 4:10–20 (Kent)

Expo= John 1:35–42 (Rebeka)

Mar. 24:

Sermon= Palm Sunday (James)

Expo= John 1:43–51 (Ingrid)

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Spanish Sunday Afternoon Service:

3:00–4:30 p.m.

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We film at CMCM most Thursday afternoons. Contact Kent or Katie if you are interested in learning how to crew on our productions.

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TV Program Viewing Schedule

(View all on cable channel 26 or 99)

Why We Are Christians: Fridays 7:30 PM and Saturdays 1:30

Bible Study: Fridays 8:00 PM

Spiritual Paths and the Pastor: Sundays noon, Mondays 2:30 PM

For current daily broadcast schedule, check online at cmcm.tv/watchcommunity

Giving:

Monthly Budget

\$3,500

Giving for February

\$7,778*

* Includes digital receipts

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An Evangelical and Reformed Congregation

For I am not ashamed of the gospel,

for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,

to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

(Romans 1:16)

Welcome !

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