

GETTING THROUGH THE TOUGH STUFF: IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING!

GETTING THROUGH THE TOUGH STUFF OF MISUNDERSTANDING

MARK 3:1-12, 20-35



The Heart of the Matter

Being misunderstood is one of the most common problems a Christian must face. People fail to understand our motives. Some jump to false conclusions. Others assume things about Christians that grow out of feelings rather than facts. Misunderstanding should not surprise Christians, however, when you stop to consider that Christ's journey to the cross was in many ways the result of being misunderstood. Take comfort in the fact that, as His disciples, we can connect with the One who can truly sympathize with us through the tough stuff of misunderstanding.



Discovering the Way

1. Misunderstood? You Are Not Alone

Not only does everyday life provide us with numerous examples of being misunderstood, but Scripture also presents us with astounding examples in Joseph, David, and Jesus.

2. Misunderstood? Meet Him Who Understands (Mark 3:1-35)

The misunderstanding that surrounded Jesus's earthly life reached a feverish pitch throughout His earthly ministry. He was misunderstood by Pharisees (Mark 3:1-6), His own people (3:20-21), the scribes (3:22-30), and His own family (3:31-35).



Starting Your Journey

If you are facing the tough stuff of misunderstanding, here are three things to consider to help you get through it. First, when misunderstanding occurs, consider the source. Second, if misunderstanding continues, examine the reason. Third, as misunderstanding ends, learn the lessons.



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