

THOSE PESKY, IRRITATING, “OTHER” GROUPS! MARK 9:38-41

What do we learn from this event?

I. There are **always** those who are not with us!

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Thoughts:

- This confuses us – **why** don't they follow us?
- This make us jealous
- This may cause us to question us???
- This doesn't make sense to us!
- This should cause us to **reevaluate** God's greatness, grace, & goodness!

1 Kings 19:10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and **I, even I only, am left;** and they seek my life, to take it away.

1 Kings 19:14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and **I, even I only, am left;** and they seek my life, to take it away. **1 Kings 19:15** And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: **1 Kings 19:16** And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. **1 Kings 19:17** And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. **1 Kings 19:18** **Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.**

Romans 11:1 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. **Romans 11:2** **God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew.** Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, **Romans 11:3** Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. **Romans 11:4** **But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.** **Romans 11:5** **Even so** then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

- This will probably cause us to try to stop them...or at least...!

II. Those not with us are **not necessarily** against us!

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Galatians 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: **Galatians 1:7** Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. **Galatians 1:8** But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. **Galatians 1:9** As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Galatians 2:4 And that because of **false brethren** unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: **Galatians 2:5** To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

Philippians 3:18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: **Philippians 3:19** Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

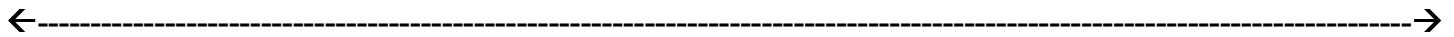
Jude 3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, **it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.** **Jude 4** For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, **turning** the grace of our God into lasciviousness, **and denying** the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Many, maybe most are **not** “with us!”

- Many departed from fundamental doctrines & therefore can't be with us
- Some departed through compromise & don't want to be with us
- Some from history &/ culture come from different places
- Some from ignorance / lack of exposure

False faith/practice/worship

Like faith/practice/worship



Separate from

Support

III. Assuming there will **always** be those **not** with us doesn't mean we **must** be **against** them!

We are not discussing Mormons / JW's or any other cult!

Mark 9:38 And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils **in thy name**, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us.

Mark 9:39 But Jesus said, **Forbid him not**:

for there is no man which shall do a miracle **in my name**, that can lightly speak evil of me.

Mark 9:40 For he that is not against us is on our part.

Mark 9:41 For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to **drink in my name**, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

So, what's in the name of a church?

IV. Assuming there will **always** be those **not** with us also doesn't mean we **must** be **with** them!

Do you notice what's missing? Jesus **doesn't** tell His disciples to join them either!!!

Thoughts:

- We know who we are
- We know what we have to offer

- We know where we came from
- We don't feel the need to join **or** destroy others!