

Mark 3:7-12 Multitude Press Toward Jesus for Healing

⁷ But Jesus withdrew with His disciples to the sea. And a great multitude from Galilee followed Him, and from Judea ⁸ and Jerusalem and Idumea and beyond the Jordan; and those from Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they heard how many things He was doing, came to Him. ⁹ So He told His disciples that a small boat should be kept ready for Him because of the multitude, lest they should crush Him. ¹⁰ For He healed many, so that as many as had afflictions pressed about Him to touch Him. ¹¹ And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, "You are the Son of God." ¹² But He sternly warned them that they should not make Him known. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- † Jesus healed the man with the withered hand in the Synagogue of Capernaum on the Sabbath. [Mark 3:1-5]
- † The Pharisees plotted with the Herodians against Jesus, how they might destroy Him. [Mark 3:6]
- † Capernaum is located on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee.
- † Jesus went out of the Synagogue and walked to the Sea which is a very short distance.
- † Drawn by the healings Jesus was doing, a great multitude had gathered around Him from all the region around the land of Israel, from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, East of the Jordan, and from Tyre and Sidon in Lebanon. [Mark 3:7-8]
 - ◊ The people were trying to touch Him, because everyone who touched Jesus was healed of whatever affliction they had. [Mark 3:10, 5:26-34, 6:56, Matthew 9:20-22, 14:36, Luke 6:19, 8:43-49]
- † Unclean spirits (demons) knew that Jesus is the Son of God, and they fell down before Jesus, acknowledging Who Jesus is. [Mark 3:11, Matthew 8:28-29, Luke 4:33-34, 41, 8:27-28]
 - ◊ Jesus refused the testimony of unclean spirits, and commanded them not to make Him known. [Mark 3:12, Luke 4:35, 41]
- † The press of the multitude was so great that Jesus told His disciples to have a small boat kept ready for Him. [Mark 3:9]