

# There's a Position Description for Us!

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## Mark 3: 13-35

On the mountain. In the Bible, what kind of stuff happens on a mountain? Really significant stuff. Mountains are often places of God’s presence. Where humans meet with God.

Whenever a Biblical writer uses the word ‘mountain’ or ‘hill’ (they are often the same word), stop for a moment and tell yourself, “This is important.” Just to press home this idea...here are some examples of mountains in the Bible

1. Eden was a mountain. Four rivers flowed from it.
2. Noah, the new Adam, stepped out of the ark on a mountain.
3. Moses ascends Mt. Sinai
4. Mount Moriah is the site of Solomon’s temple.
5. Many mountain references in Psalms, Isaiah, Ezekiel
6. Sermon on the Mount
7. Transfiguration on Mt. Hermon

## Quotes

Matthew Myer Boulton says “...they move through our world with a kind of cunning. They resist even our best efforts to overcome them. We may not call addiction or racism or any of the other things that make the daily headlines a demon, but they are most certainly demonic.” SALT commentary

“Mark signifies that the authority of Jesus binds even the prince of demons, but Jesus’ followers [and family] must not and cannot bind

him. He is the binder of the strong man who has himself unbound.”  
James Edwards, *The Gospel According to Mark*.

## **Our Job Description**

**First**, we follow him by being with him. The disciples saw what he did, traveled with him, ate with him, saw how he navigated the complexities of life. We are to be with Jesus intentionally, in a growing, ever deepening relationship. I want to be clear here. We can know a lot about Jesus without knowing Jesus. That is a problem. Because that is just a way to keep him at arm’s distance, to control him, to attempt to bind him. And that won’t stop him, but will instead, trap us.

**Second**. We are sent out. To spread the word. We are sent out to bear witness to the restorative, redemptive, lavish love, and radical inclusiveness of the kingdom of God. We are to bear witness to the truth that there is so much more of God in this world. We are sent out to say we can choose to live in ways that bring restoration, redemption, justice, and love to all. That there is one worth following. We are sent out for the sake of the world.

**Third**. We are to cast out demons. What are today’s demons? The demons of hopelessness, fear, shame, greed, lust. The death dealing forces at work in the world: violence, addiction, war, racism, destruction of the planet. How do we cast out demons? By pushing back. By actively doing good instead of passively doing no harm.