



JESUS: LUNATIC OR LORD? CRAZY OR KING?

Mark 3:20-30



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²⁰ And He came home, and the crowd gathered again, to such an extent that they could not even eat a meal. ²¹ And when His own people heard *about this*, they came out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, “He has lost His senses.” ²² The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons.”

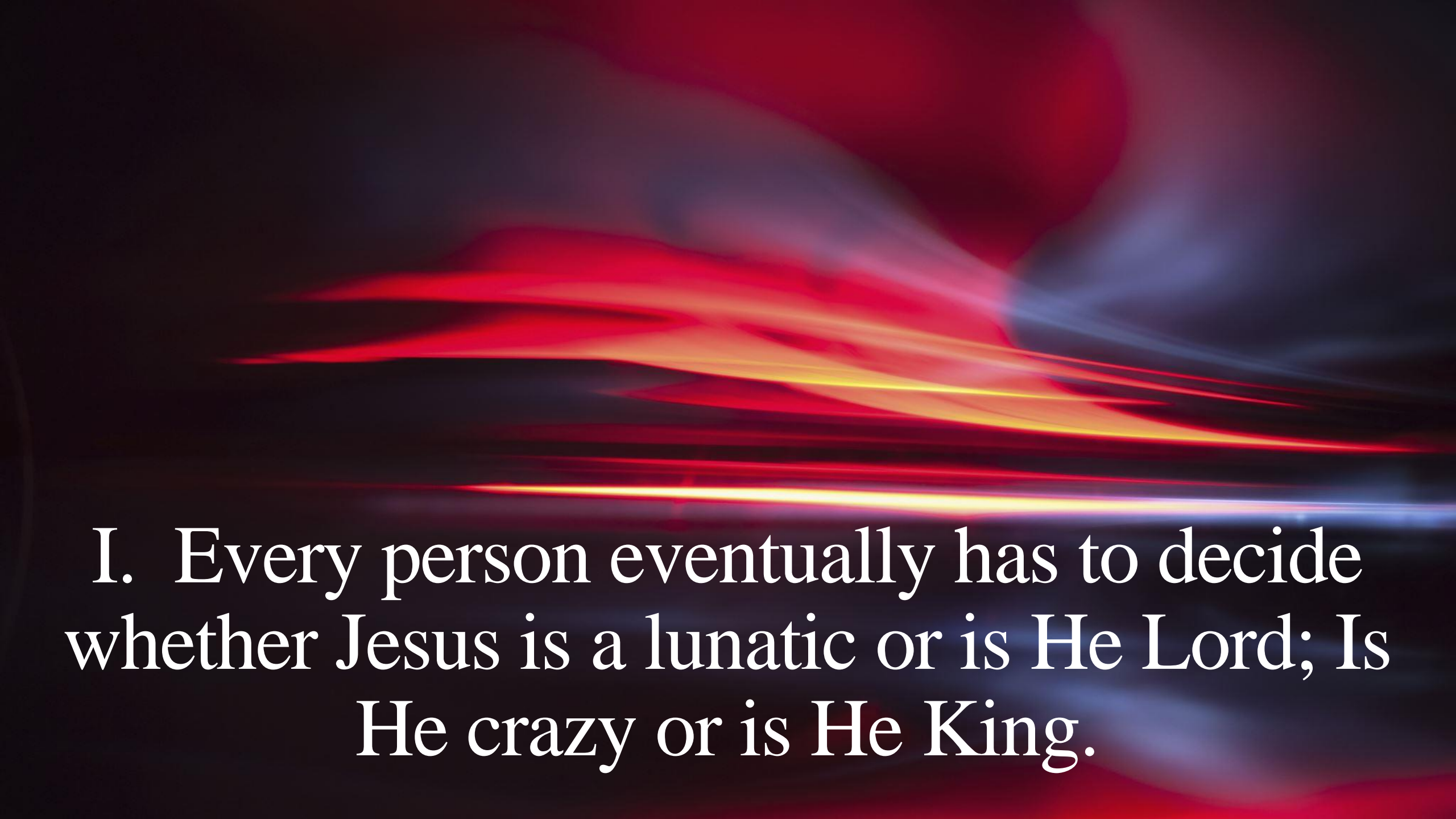
²³ And *so* He called them to Himself and *began* speaking to them in parables: “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but he is finished! ²⁷ But no one can enter the strong man's house and plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man, and then he will plunder his house.

28 “Truly I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons *and daughters* of men, and whatever blasphemies they commit; 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” —
30 because they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³ SO HIS BROTHERS SAID TO HIM, “MOVE ON FROM HERE AND GO INTO JUDEA, SO THAT YOUR DISCIPLES ALSO MAY SEE YOUR WORKS WHICH YOU ARE DOING.

4 FOR NO ONE DOES ANYTHING IN SECRET WHEN HE HIMSELF IS STRIVING TO BE *KNOWN* PUBLICLY. IF YOU ARE DOING THESE THINGS, SHOW YOURSELF TO THE WORLD.” 5 FOR NOT EVEN HIS BROTHERS BELIEVED IN HIM.” JOHN 7

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I. Every person eventually has to decide whether Jesus is a lunatic or is He Lord; Is He crazy or is He King.

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say.

.....either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon or you can fall at His feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

“If you confess with your mouth Jesus
as Lord and believe in your heart that
God raised him from the dead you will
be saved.” Romans 10:9

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“He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and
“He casts out the demons by the ruler
of the demons.” Mark 3:22

“How can satan cast out satan?”

24 And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26 And if satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but he is finished!

Jesus offers them a better explanation.

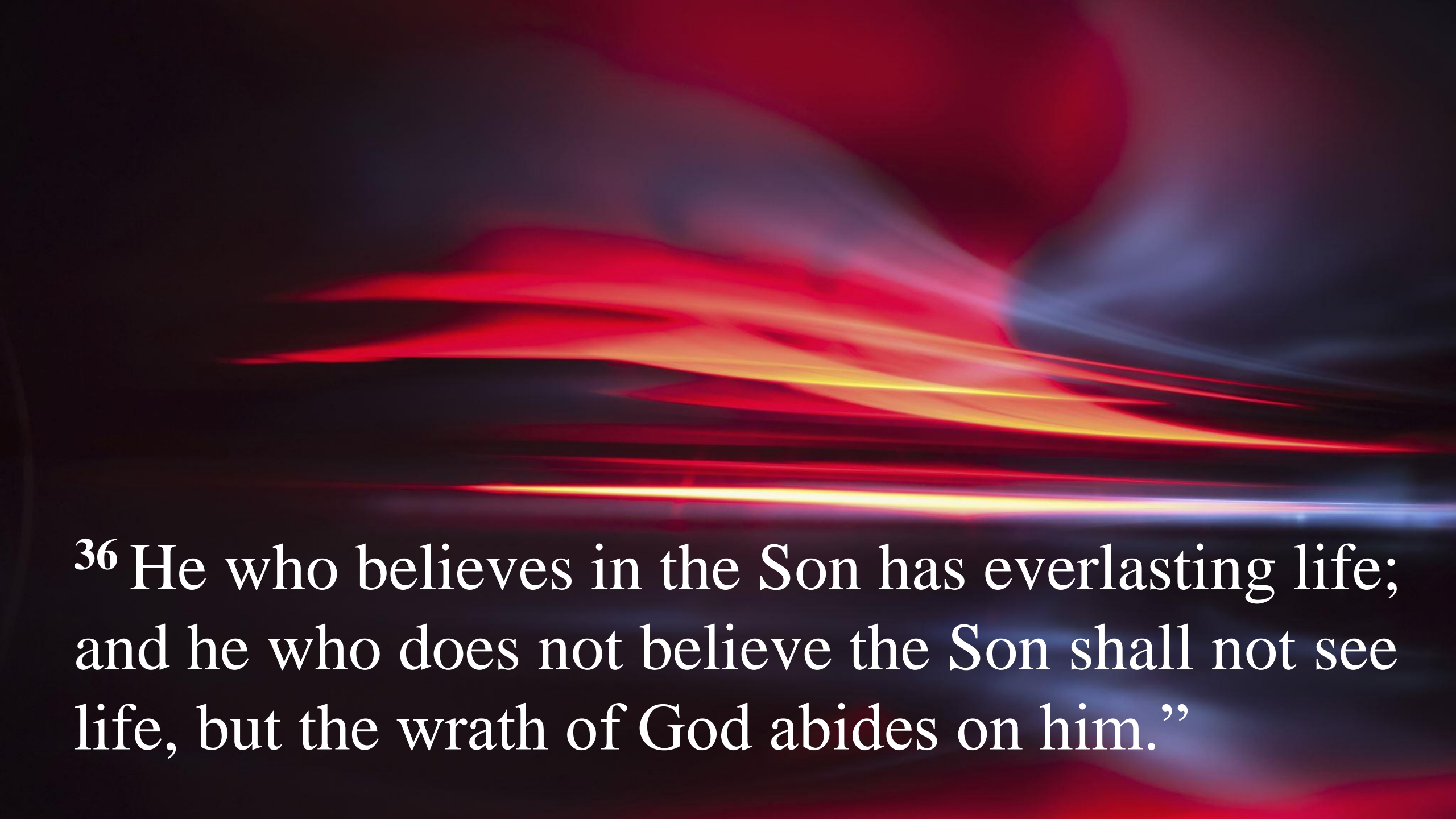
“²⁷ but no one can enter the strong man’s house and plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man, and then he will plunder his house.”

It makes more sense to believe that someone far more powerful than Satan has bound him and cast out his demons.

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29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— 30 because they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

18 “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. John 3:18-19, 36

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³⁶ He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them.

Romans 1:18-19

²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

