

# Jesus Is Counterculture

## Mark 3: 7-12

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Verse 7 - 8

Jesus is counterculture – *and multitudes  
follow Jesus*

**Jesus is not like anyone we have ever known!**

**Jesus did not think like us, act like us, live His life like us**

**Jesus challenged the status quo and possessed immense popularity with the people**

**Threats to Jesus were common, threats to His people are common, yet billions claim the name "*Christian*" today!**

Verse 9 - 10

Jesus is counterculture – *the people swarm*  
*Jesus*

**The crowd was huge!**

**They are pressing hard on Jesus!**

**This is a real safety issue!**

**Jesus sees the chaos and makes provision for escape,  
if need be**



**The masses want Jesus for what He can do for them**

**NOT for who He is – the Son of God, their Savior!**

**If Jesus is Lord, then He is my Master, Ruler, Owner of my life!**

**I am here to serve Him!**

Verse 11 - 12

**Jesus is counterculture – *the demons bow to Him***

In the crowd, there are those who are demon-possessed,  
unaware of the power they are going to be confronting

They took their appropriate position, *“fell down before Him”*

God is sovereign!

God is supreme!!

Satan must submit to God's rule and reign!

Philippians 2: 10-11

Isaiah 45: 23

**Why the warning for demons “*not to make Him known*”?**

*Jesus wants NO publicity from the demon-possessed representing Him in any way, shape, or form!*

**Many so called Christians today claim the name of Jesus, but have no life in Jesus**

**Many speak Christianese yet live like the world; save your breath, people despise hypocrites!**

**It is better they keep silent than defame the name of the Lord!**

**For those who claim the name, represent our Lord with excellence!**

***May our walk match our talk!***

## CLOSING THOUGHTS: *JESUS IS COUNTERCULTURE*

### Jesus was counterculture concerning the oppressive religious Pharisees

Jesus was counterculture, counter flesh, counter my way

*“This I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.” Matthew 5: 44*

**Is Jesus serious? This is not who I am!**

Yes! **Jesus is serious; this is Kingdom living in a fallen world!**

**The Jesus Way is very different than our way!**

## Jesus was counterculture concerning oppressive Rome

*“My kingdom is not of this world”* Matthew 18: 33-38

## Jesus was counterculture on the cross

Pre-cross, the Jews beat and abused Jesus

**The Romans scourged Jesus**

Isaiah, the prophet, looking 700 years into the future, describes Jesus' appearance as disfigured beyond any man – Isaiah 52: 14

## Jesus was counterculture on the cross (cont.)

What Jesus says from the cross is definitely counterculture

Luke 23: 24

Jesus' first cry from the cross: *“Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing”*

The way Jesus responded to evil, the way Jesus conducted Himself while here, was an example for us

As Jesus' impact grows in you and you live counterculture, you will IMPACT your world for Christ!

The only way to be counterculture like Jesus is to spend time with Jesus – it is NOT automatic!

To be counterculture, our dream may have to die and allow God to raise a new dream in you!

# FILM CLIP:

Christian film director – *Alex Kendrick*

**ALLOWING JESUS**  
***TO BE FIRST IN YOUR LIFE***  
**IS COUNTERCULTURE!**

**MAY YOU BE ONE OF THE FEW – *A***  
***COUNTERCULTURE WARRIOR FOR JESUS!***