

## **SCCC – I WAS OBSESSED AND INSANE**

### **S - Scriptures**

“But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, “He is out of His mind.” Mark 3: 21

### **C – Consideration**

In chapter three of Mark’s gospel, Jesus had officially appointed His twelve disciples and was busy traveling from place to place preaching, teaching, healing, and delivering people from evil spirits. The kingdom of darkness was facing the most powerful enemy they ever met, “the Son of God.” The kingdom of God had arrived in power on earth as never seen before. Meanwhile, the religious community was extremely jealous of Jesus. To discredit Him, they claimed that He was possessed by the prince of demons. His family didn’t go that far, but made their judgment, calling Him mad, or insane. His mother and brothers went after Him, and when they found Him, they sent messengers to announce their arrival. He answered back that his true family was only those who would do God’s will. At this point, His mother and brothers were excluded.

### **C – Commitment**

The amazing thing is that the religious people should have had the capacity to investigate in Scriptures and to figure out that Jesus was in fact, the Messiah, but they didn’t. Mary should be able to rebuke her other children, and affirm Jesus’ messianic claim, for she was a virgin when she gave birth to her firstborn, and heard by the angel Gabriel this revelation but she didn’t. Eventually, the demons were revealing Jesus’ identity and the ordinary crowd was listening and accepting Jesus’ teaching, recognizing His messianic rule on earth. Theological knowledge and family lineage didn’t help to recognize Christ’s identity. The problem was not with the Messiah, but their hearts. I looked back and I remembered myself judging true Christians as demon-possessed (I was like the Pharisees, full of jealousy and proud of my religion), and like Jesus’ earthly family, I placed Mary as lord and Christ as a mere man. I was obsessed and insane.

### **C – Call**

My God, You had sent Your Son on this earth to seek and to save what was lost, and I was one of them. Thank You for Your mercy towards a proud, jealous, and rebellious sinner like me. Thank You that You delivered me from the power of Satan, and from my religious madness. Thank You that Your love showed me the place where I could see the Messiah shedding His blood to pay for my salvation on the cross at Calvary. Help me to listen to His voice, obeying His commands, and follow Him all the days of my life, for this is Your will. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

