

Be Yourself: Mark 3:22-23.

In the above scriptural account, not only did Jesus encounter people who thought He was Satan because Jesus could cast out demons - His ministry, in general, proclamations, behavior, and so forth led His own, earthly, family to define Him unfairly. Hearing of such reports of His activities, "When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, 'He is out of his mind.' - Mark 3:21, NIV. Of course, they were terribly wrong. Jesus proclaimed that He considered Himself profoundly, spiritually, related not only to His traditional family, but to all who had faith and did God's will. If we have faith and do God's will, we are indeed in His family and being ourselves in the best of ways! Jesus was surrounded by selfish, manipulative, jealous people who itched to ruin His character and purpose. His family thought Him insane. However, Jesus held to Who He truly was, He stayed true to God, His Father. As believers, we will encounter people who want us to be like they are, unbelieving, and similar pressures may be brought against us to change and stray from our faith and the will of God. God, however, has a better **you** in mind. If you're not sure who that you are supposed to be, read the scriptures, pray, attend Jesus' church, and you will find who God wants you to be and what He wants you to do. Hold fast. Be yourself.