

“Jesus’ Mother and Brothers” (Matthew 12:46–50)

I. Jesus’ Family According to the Flesh (verse 46)

a. Their Identity: Mother and Siblings

Matthew 13:53–58

b. Their Request: To Interrupt His Kingdom Proclamation

Mark 3:20–21, 31–35; Luke 8:1–3, 19–21

II. Jesus’ Family According to Him (verses 48–50)

a. Those Who Commit Themselves to Him

Notice their teachableness, their obedience, and their priorities.

b. Those Who Do His Heavenly Father’s Will

Matthew 7:21

Applying This Account to Yourself

- 1) You must understand that Jesus treated his own relatives as he asks you to treat your relatives.

Luke 2:41–51; John 7:1–10; Matthew 10:34–39

- 2) You must understand that Jesus can grant repentant faith to hardened family members.

Acts 1:12–14; 1 Corinthians 15:3–7; Galatians 1:18–19; 2:9; Acts 15:12–21; James 1:1; Jude 1–4, 24–25

- 3) You must treasure God the Father and Jesus his Son more than any other relationship.

Hebrews 2:10–18; Romans 8:14–32

- 4) You must treat God’s family better than your biological family.

Mark 10:28–31; 1 Timothy 5:1–2; Luke 14:12–14; Romans 16:1–16

- 5) You can rest in Jesus’ matchless affection for you.

Psalms 27:10; 1 Corinthians 6:16b–17; John 14:1–6