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Texts:

Matthew 12:46-50,

46. While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him.

47. Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you."

48. He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"

49. Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers.

50. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Mark 3:31-35,

31. Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him.

32. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

33. "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

34. Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!

35. Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Luke 8:19-21,

19. Now Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd.

20. Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you.”

21. He replied, “My mother and brothers are those who hear God’s word and put it into practice.”

Commentary:

Matthew 12:46, While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him.

I. While Jesus continued speaking to the crowds, his mother and brethren arrived wishing to speak with him.

A. No one misunderstands the meaning of “mother” in this verse. Why should it be difficult to understand the meaning of the word “brethren?”

B. Matthew 13:55, 56, “Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? Aren’t all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?”

II. Did they want to just tell Jesus “Hello” or did they have something in particular to discuss with Jesus? The Bible doesn’t say.

Matthew 12:47, Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.”

I. One came to Jesus and gave him the message that his family had arrived and wanted to speak to him.

II. The messenger evidently expected Jesus to “drop everything” and go see his family.

III. Jesus did not respond in this way and made it clear that those who follow him spiritually are at least as close to him as were his physical relatives.

Matthew 12:48, 49, He replied to him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” Pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers.”

I. Those who truly love Jesus and follow his teachings as did his disciples, those who sat around him at that time, are the true family of Jesus, family by adoption.

II. Although well intentioned, Jesus’ family was hindering his work.

A. Jesus’ brothers, at this time, did not believe he was God’s Son.

B. John 7:5, For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

C. It indicates also that Mary had other sons and daughters.

III. Christ’s true family are those who **hear** the word of God and **do it!** . . . all of it.

Matthew 12:50, For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

I. The true brothers, sisters, and mothers of Jesus are those who do the will of God.

II. John 1:12, 13, Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

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Questions

1. While Jesus was talking to the _____, his _____ and _____ arrived wanting to speak to him.

2. They sent someone in to tell him his family had arrived and this person told Jesus, "Your _____ and _____ are standing outside, wanting to _____ to you."

3. Why didn't Jesus' family go in directly to Jesus and tell him they wished to speak to him? _____

4. Jesus answered, "Who is my _____ and my _____?" Pointing to his _____, he said, "Here are my _____ and my _____."

5. Why had the disciples come to occupy the position of privacy with Jesus? _____

6. Whoever does the _____ of my _____
in _____ is my _____, _____ and
_____.

7. Jesus' physical brothers were _____,
_____ and _____.

8. How many sisters did Jesus have and what were their names? _____

9. Why did Jesus' mother and brothers come to see Jesus? _____

10. How do you think Jesus' actions and statement to the effect that his
disciples were his real family make Mary and her other sons feel? _____

