

THE FAMILY OF GOD

MATTHEW 12:46-50

- While He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His mother and brothers were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him. ⁴⁷ Someone said to Him, "Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak to You." ⁴⁸ But Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" ⁴⁹ And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, "Behold My mother and My brothers! ⁵⁰ "For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother." (Mat 12:46-50)

Matthew 11,12

PEOPLES RESPONSE TO JESUS

- John
- Cities of Galilee
- Religious leaders
- Family

- **JESUS DESTROYS OUR IMAGES OF GOD**

- **JESUS ALONE MAKES A WAY BACK INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD AND TO KNOW GOD AS OUR FATHER**

**Jesus is a real person,
raised in a real family,
With real parents Joseph, Mary,
and real brothers and sisters**

- Matthew ch 1,2
- Matthew 13:55,56

While He was still speaking to the crowds,
behold, His mother and brothers were standing
outside (*unable to enter because of the crowd*),
seeking to speak to Him

- **Why do you think Jesus' family gathered?**
- **What do you think they were 'seeking to speak' to Jesus about....?**

- **JESUS WE HEARD THAT YOU ARE CLAIMING TO BE LORD OF TIME (Sabbath)AND SPACE (Temple) – ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND!**

'He has lost his senses'

- His family were 'outside' of Jesus' circle of disciples...
 - Mark 3:20,21
 - John 7:3-10
- Jesus is crazy, demonic...or God

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- **What would have Jesus been expected to do..?**
- **WHAT DOES HE DO?**

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- What message is Jesus sending to His

- Mum
- Brothers
- Crowd of listeners....
- Disciples

- **Matthew 10:34-39**

"For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother."

- Father...?
- What is the will of Jesus' Father in heaven?
- Matthew 17:5
- John 6:28,29
- Matthew 7:21-27

THE MISSION OF GOD

- For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother.”
- **JESUS IS THE FATHER’S WILL. JESUS ALONE MAKES A WAY BACK INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD AND TO KNOW GOD AS OUR FATHER**

THE FAMILY OF GOD

- There is only one eternal family...
- God's heart is that our families image His family – and so serve the mission of God to bring His lost sons and daughters home.
- What happened to Jesus' family?
- **OUR FAMILIES NEED TO BE SAVED**

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- **WILL WE TAKE JESUS SERIOUSLY, WILL WE LISTEN TO HIM, WILL WE BELIEVE IN HIM AND WILL WE DO WHAT HE SAYS?**

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HE ALONE MAKES A WAY BACK INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD AND TO KNOW GOD AS OUR FATHER.