

KINGDOM COME

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Who Is My Family?

All Bible verse are in the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise indicated

Matthew 8–12

- We saw the power and teaching of Jesus on full display – healing the sick, calming storms, casting out demons, even raising the dead.
- The call to follow Him, a call that demands sacrifice and obedience.
- The doubts, cities remain unrepentant, Pharisees grow hostile.

What is a family?

- The family is one of the greatest institutions and building blocks of society.
- One of the first things God did was to create the family.

- The family consisted of a man and a woman; joined in marriage and children.
- First murder was between siblings.
- Biological family – parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, step family.

Matthew 12:46-47 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.”

- Jesus is inside teaching a crowd about the unclean spirit.
- Morality without salvation.
- They can't get in because of the crowd.
- They send a message in the middle of the sermon.
- Jesus' half siblings – James, Joseph/Joses, Simon, Judas/Jude. Sisters are mentioned (Mark 6:3).
- 6 siblings, maybe more.
- Acts 1:14 indicates many of them eventually believed.
- Joseph (father) isn't mentioned. Some believe he may have died.
- They are outside. This is symbolic.

- They are his family biologically but yet outside the kingdom spiritually.

So why are they here?

Mark 3:20-21 20 Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. 21 When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

- Treat him like a common man.

Matthew 12:48-50 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.”

- He is making a distinction between biological and spiritual family.
- Jesus isn't abandoning his earthly family but he is pursuing the leading of his heavenly father above all.
- He rebukes his family.
- Now that you are in the kingdom, your true family is in those who do the will of the Father.

- Matthew 10 – he came separate those who are for him from those who are against him.

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

- Community started in the Godhead.
- 3 persons, one in essence.
- HANDS – Honors. Attributes. Names. Deeds. Seat.