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SAYINGS OF JESUS

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The dynamics of Jesus' family

1. His mother was the subject of a scandal.

John 8:41 . . . *"We are not illegitimate children," they protested. . .*

2. His father is not mentioned after Jesus was 12.
3. His brothers did not believe in Him.

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

4. His brothers thought He was "out of His mind."

Matthew 13:55 *"Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? 56 Aren't all his sisters with us? . . .*

Mark 3:20 *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."*

5. His cousins wanted positions for themselves.
6. His aunt was mettlesome.

Matthew 20:20 *Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.*

21 *"What is it you want?" he asked.*

She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

7. His family was at times a distraction.

Matthew 12:46 *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."*

The dynamics of Jesus' compassion

1. Jesus was establishing His forever family.
2. Jesus never stopped loving His first family.

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3. Jesus met the needs of others even when His needs weren't met.
4. This is a case of embarrassing information.