



The Gospel of Mark

JESUS

The King Who
Came to Die

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."

Mark 3:31–35



The Biological Family of Jesus

Jesus' Mother and Brothers Arrive

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Mark 3:31



The Importance of the Family In Scripture

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Exodus 20:12



The Importance of the Family In Scripture

And he said to them: “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!

¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.’

¹¹ But you say that if a man says to his father or mother: ‘Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is Corban’ (that is, a gift devoted to God), ¹² then you no longer let him do anything for his father or mother. ¹³ Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.” Mark 7:9–13



A Problem With Jesus' Biological Family

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat.

²¹When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.” ...

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Mark 3:20–21, 31–32





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Jesus' Shocking Reply

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The True Family of Jesus

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

Mark 3:35



The Radical Nature of Discipleship

Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Matthew 10:37–39



Brothers and Sisters of the Son of God!

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Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. ¹² He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises." Hebrews 2:11–12



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Applying

The Word

When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die. It may be a death like that of the first disciples who had to leave home and work to follow Him, or it may be a death like Luther's, who had to leave the monastery and go out into the world. But it is the same death every time—death in Jesus Christ, the death of the old man at his call.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer,
The Cost of Discipleship





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