

How to Be Jesus' Mom

Mark 3:31-35

Being part of Jesus' FAMILY matters far more than EARTHLY family.

- Being part of Jesus' family means RECOGNIZING that He is the UNIQUE Son of God.
- Being part of Jesus' family means ALIGNING our lives with His MISSION.
- Being part of Jesus' family means living in OBEDIENCE to Him.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. How can our earthly families be both challenging to our faith and an encouragement to our faith in Jesus?
2. Read Mark 3:31-35. How do you think a first century Jewish audience would have felt about Jesus' words? How do you feel about Jesus' words—do they seem insensitive or uncaring? Why?
3. How is the promise of Mark 3:34-35 comforting to you? How has Jesus' church been a family to you?
4. What are some ways in our culture that we elevate our families to a place that should only be reserved for God? What does it look like to make God our first allegiance even above our families? (Matthew 10:34-39; Luke 14:26; Luke 18:28-30; Mark 10:28-30)
5. **Why do you think Mark brackets the story of Jesus' family coming to seize him around the story about blasphemy against the Holy Spirit? Read Mark 3:21-35. How is the sin of the scribes similar to the sin of Jesus' family?**
6. How are you tempted to ask Jesus join your mission instead of aligning your life with His mission?
7. **What does it look like for your family be an extension of Jesus' church and a place where discipleship happens? What does it look like to prioritize building your family into Jesus' church? See 2 Tim 1:5; 2 Tim 3:14-15; Heb 13:1-2; 1 Pet 4:9; Deut 6:4-9; Eph 5:25-30; Tit 2:3-5; Heb 10:24-25**
8. Read Mark 3:33-35. How is obedience to the will of God a marker of being part of God's family? How do you see the relationship between obedience and faith? How do you see obedience in Jesus' life? See John 4:34; Mark 14:36; Luke 11:27-28