

## **The Family of Jesus**

Text: Mark 3:31-35

### **Context -**

After dealing with the many questions of the Scribes and Pharisees, Jesus makes clear exactly who his true family is.

**Main Idea** - Those who do the will of God are a part of Jesus' family.

### **When you study Jesus family...**

#### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ your doctrine (vs. 31-32)**

- A. Many of us were raised with the non-biblical doctrine of the perpetual virginity of Mary, where she had no other children.
- B. The Bible makes clear in this passage and in many others that Mary had other sons and daughters. (See Acts 1:14 and Mark 6:3 as examples of this)
- C. Is your doctrine more shaped by the tradition of man or the revealed Word of God.

#### **2. \_\_\_\_\_ his true family (vs. 33-34)**

- A. The true family of Jesus are not the sons of Abraham, nor the Scribes and Pharisees, nor the flesh and blood brothers and sisters of Jesus - but anyone who does the will of the Father.
- B. It is only in a relationship with God the Father through God the Son, Jesus Christ, that one can do the will of the Father. (Ephesians 2:10) See also Matthew 7:21-23.
- C. Are you a genuine part of the family of God in Jesus?

#### **3. \_\_\_\_\_ the will of God (vs. 35)**

- A. Since we can only do the will God through our relationship with Jesus, let us pursue that will wholeheartedly! (Romans 12:1-2, 1 Peter 4:2)
- B. Are you pursuing the will of God in Christ?