



Chapter 12:46-50

Matt. 12:46 While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him.

Matt. 12:47 Then one said to Him, “Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You.”

Matt. 12:48 But He answered and said to the one who told Him, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?”

Matt. 12:49 And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, “Here are My mother and My brothers!

Matt. 12:50 For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.”

Observations & Discussion

*"It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter."
Proverbs 25:2*

1. After reading our text for this evening look at the parallel account in Mark 3:20-22 (note that vs. 22 ties the two accounts together). Now check out John 7:1-5. Based on your reading of these texts what can you conclude about Jesus' **biological** family?
2. Read Acts 1:14. What happened that changed the minds of Jesus' **biological** family from thinking He was insane to believing that He is the Messiah?
3. How would you respond to someone who told you that Jesus didn't have any siblings?
4. How does Jesus **define His family**? What does that say about you? Why is that truth important and how does it make you feel?
5. Compare Jesus' commentary on His **biological** family with Luke 11:27-28. Based upon what Jesus said in these texts do you think Jesus esteemed His mother above the rest of humanity? Why or why not?
6. What lessons can you apply from our study this evening to your **biological** family?