



We are the Family of
Christ

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Welcome to Jesus Time where we spend time with Jesus in His time and culture.

✝ Now Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd. Dr. Luke 8:19 NIV

✝ Then he (Jesus) went home, (Peters guest house) and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ And when his family heard it, (from Nazareth now in Capernaum) they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind." Mark 3:20-21 ESV

The Jerusalem Scribes having arrived in Capernaum & by now they have double failed at discrediting Jesus. First by calling Him evil with His undeniable Divine miracles being attributed as demonic. While later the Scribes were thwarted again with Christ's rejection of their subjugation. This speaking of their attempt to place Jesus under their control by doing as they say when they say. Which of course would have resembled Jesus the King of Kings & Holy Messiah at their beck and call. So now the Scribes are forced to resort to plan C or call it #3 if you please.

Meaning obviously by the Scriptures above; the Scribes had threatened and or pleaded with Jesus's family to arrive in Capernaum. This being for the express purpose of Christ's human family to literally take Him by bodily force if necessary quietly back to their home to be under their care for all of His commotion, mischief, or even for His own safety. Take your pick as for the reason.

Get that?

Because Jesus has just been officially declared legally mentally incapacitated. (Jerusalem Scribes present) Within the original Greek what Christ's our Lords family said was : "He (Jesus) is insane."

Often those promoting GOD can seem delirious to others. The Apostle Paul recognized this:

✝ If it seems we are crazy, it is to bring glory to God. And if we are in our right minds, it is for your benefit. 2 Corinthians 5:13 NLT

Whenever authority is opposed even if by someone truly righteous it is sad to say that it is Sinfully all to humanly normal to discredit them as delusional.

As in Jesus by Word and deed was becoming a challenge unto the religious authorities and thusly their profit making and ruling ability within Israel.

Jesus having been previously rejected in His hometown Nazareth, yet to later rise to even greater fame, that now His family has been goaded into making trouble against Him. They were no doubt being pressured by the powers that be. "You (family) get Him under control!"

Continuing

✝ Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. They stood outside the house and sent in a message, asking for him. ³² A crowd was sitting around Jesus, and they said to him, "Look, your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, and they want you." Mark 3:31-32 GNT

There can be little question as for the complexities of Christ's family certainly having mixed emotions with feelings of each loyalty unto Jesus & fear for themselves. Especially for the embarrassment of all the notoriety. Remember it was common in Jesus Time to hold families accountable for loved ones.

Think about it; this is now the second time Jesus has had to stop attempts by people influential in His life at trying to sway Spiritual authority over Him. First it was by Christ's very own mother who once tried to get Jesus to act by doing something about the lack of wine at the wedding in Cana. Of course Scripture records; that our Lord did preform His first supernatural miracle by turning water into wine at that time after His mother (Virgin Mary) had submitted herself Spiritually unto Christ's authority.

Now the Scribes having not only made the very same exact mistake, this be of trying to tell Jesus what to do Spiritually, they have also now just completed a trio of blunders.

As in "When" Jesus returned to Capernaum, the Scribes from Jerusalem were lying in wait with a pre-conceived 3 part plan to negate Jesus the Christ as the Great I AM.

As we have seen in our last 2 previous lessons: "The Unforgivable Sin" & "The Sign of Jonah."

1st they brought the charge of sorcery upon Christ by stating that His miracles were demonic.

2nd they attempted to have Jesus Messiah submit Himself under their authority.

3rd they declared Jesus to be insane and arraigned for His family to take Him under their control.

Jesus Concludes

✠ Jesus answered, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" ³⁴ He looked at the people sitting around him and said, "Look! Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does what God wants is my brother, my sister, my mother."

Mark 3:33-35 GNT

So now you know that Jesus was not being rude to His family when He ignored their request of meeting Him on their terms. Christ our Lord knew His family had every intention of physically taking Him away by the orders of the Jerusalem elite in order to end His public Ministry.

It should also be noted here that we will start to see the name of Jesus's mother (Virgin) Mary more often from this point forward as in traveling with Jesus.

Obviously she has now made her decision & perhaps she was actually struggling to get her other sons and daughters whom are Jesus's half brothers and sisters to accept Christ as well?

Only Jesus and His mother with His human siblings know that answer.

However it does appear that no other member of Jesus's direct human family save for His cousins John(Baptist) and John & James (Apostles) likewise joined into Christ's public Ministry whence He lived.

While of course James and Jude the actual half brothers of Jesus, each became semi famous and very powerful members of the early Church post Christ's Resurrection and Ascension.

One final aspect of Jesus's words " Who are my family?" is that heredity plays a key aspect of Jewish culture even unto the Jewish belief of Justification concerning Salvation.

Get that?

This message was just as much for Christ our Lords human family as in by them rejecting Him Spiritually as their Messiah means no favor was theirs by their human blood birthright alone.

What Jesus was making clear to His family is; those who do the Will of (MY) Heavenly Father are Saved. So Pray tell What? Tis the Will of Holy GOD.

✠ For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

John 6:40 NASB