



SUNDAY CLASS

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Key Verses: Matthew 9: 9-13

Matthew 12:46 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

True Relationships

46 He was still speaking to the crowds when suddenly His mother and brothers were standing outside wanting to speak to Him.

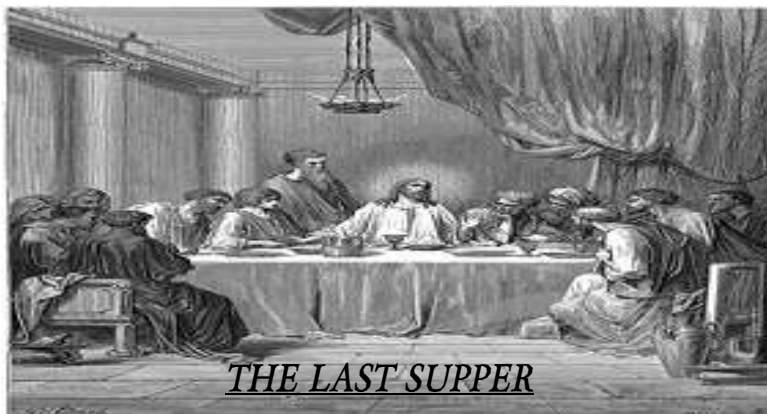
“Many excellent, useful sayings came from the mouth of our Lord Jesus upon particular occasions; even his digressions were instructive, as well as his set discourses: as here, Observe,

I. How Christ was interrupted in his preaching by *his mother and his brethren*, that *stood without, desiring to speak with him* (v. 40, 47); which desire of theirs was conveyed to him through the crowd. It is needless to enquire which of his brethren they were that came along with his mother (perhaps they were those *who did not believe in him*, John 7:5); or what their business was; perhaps it was only designed to oblige him to break off, for fear he should fatigue himself, or to caution him to take heed of giving offence by his discourse to the Pharisees, and or involving himself in a difficulty; as if they could teach *him* wisdom.”

***MATTHEW HENRY COMMENTARY ON THE WHOLE BIBLE

John 7:5 (New International Version)

*5*For even his own brothers did not believe in him.



Mark 3:31-35 (New International Version)

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

31Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him.32A 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.

34Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!35Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Luke 8:19-21 (New International Version)

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

19Now Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd.20Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you."

21He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."

Matthew 13:55 (New International Version)

55"Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?"

Mark 6:3 (New International Version)

"Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! 3Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph,^[a] Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

Acts 1:14 (New International Version)

14They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

1 Corinthians 9:5 (New International Version)

5Don't we have the right to take a believing wife along with us, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas^[a]?

Galatians 1:19 (New International Version)

19I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord's brother.

John 2:12 (New International Version)

Jesus Clears the Temple

12After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.



*****JESUS CLEARS THE TEMPLE**

Matthew 12:47 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

47 Someone told Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to You."

“1. He was as yet talking to the people.

***Note, Christ's preaching was talking; it was plain, easy, and familiar, and suited to their capacity and case.

What Christ had delivered had been cavilled at, and yet he went on.

***Note, The opposition we meet with in our work, must not drive us from it.

He left off talking with the Pharisees, for he saw he could do no good with them; but continued to talk to the common people, who, not having such a conceit of their knowledge as the Pharisees had, were willing to learn.

2. His mother and brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him, when they should have been standing within, desiring to hear him. They had the advantage of his daily converse in private, and therefore were less mindful to attend upon his public preaching.

***Note, Frequently those who are nearest to the means of knowledge and grace, are most negligent.

Familiarity and easiness of access breed some degree of contempt. We are apt to neglect *that* this day, which we think we may have any day, forgetting that it is only the present time we can be sure of; tomorrow is none of ours.

There is too much truth in that common proverb, "The nearer the church, the further from God;" it is pity it should be so."

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Matthew 12:48 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

48 But He replied to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?"

"How he resented this interruption, v. 48–50.

1. He would not hearken to it; he was so intent upon his work, that no natural or civil respects should take him off from it. *Who is my mother and who are my brethren?* Not that natural affection is to be put off, or that, under pretence of religion, we may be disrespectful to parents, or unkind to other relations; but *every thing is beautiful in its season*, and the less duty must stand by, while the greater is done. When our regard to our relations comes in competition with the service of God, and the improving of an opportunity to *do good*, in such a case, we must *say to our Father, I have not seen him*, as Levi did, Deuteronomy 33:9."

Deuteronomy 33:9 (New International Version)

9 He said of his father and mother,
'I have no regard for them.'
He did not recognize his brothers
or acknowledge his own children,

but he watched over your word
and guarded your covenant.

“The nearest relations must be comparatively hated, that is, we must love them less than Christ (Luke 14:26), and our duty to God must have the preference.”

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Luke 14:26 (New International Version)

26^oIf anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple.

“This Christ has here given us an example of; *the zeal of God’s house* did so far *eat him up*, that it made him not only forget himself, but forget his dearest relations. And we must not take it ill of our friends, nor put it upon the score of their wickedness, if they prefer the pleasing of God before the pleasing of us; but we must readily forgive those neglects which may be easily imputed to a pious zeal for God’s glory and others’ good. Nay, we must deny ourselves and our own satisfaction, rather than do that which may any way divert our friends from, or distract them in, their duty to God.

2. He took that occasion to prefer his disciples, who were his spiritual kindred, before his natural relations as such: which was a good reason why he would not leave preaching to speak with his brethren. “

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Matthew 12:49 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

49 *And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, "Here are My mother and My brothers!*

“The dignity of Christ’s disciples:

The same is my brother, and sister, and mother. His disciples, that had left all to follow him, and embraced his doctrine, were dearer to him than any that were akin to him according to the flesh. They had preferred Christ before their relations; they *left their father* (Matthew 4:22; 10:37); and now to make them amends, and to show that there was no love lost, he preferred them before his relations.”

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Matthew 4:22 (New International Version)

22and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Matthew 10:37 (New International Version)

37"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;

“Did not they hereby receive, in point of honor, *a hundred fold*? Matthew 19:29.

Matthew 19:29 (New International Version)

29And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.

It was very endearing and very encouraging for Christ to say, *Behold my mother and my brethren*; yet it was not *their* privilege alone, *this honor have all the saints*.

Note, All obedient believers are near akin to Jesus Christ.

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Matthew 10:42 (New International Version)

42And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

Matthew 28:19 (New International Version)

19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Luke 14:26 (New International Version)

26"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple.

John 8:31 (New International Version)

The Children of Abraham

31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.

John 13:35 (New International Version)

35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 15:8 (New International Version)

8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Acts 6:1 (New International Version)

The Choosing of the Seven

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

Matthew 12:50 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

50 For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven, that person is My brother and sister and mother."

"They wear his name, bear his image, have his nature, are of his family. He loves them, converses freely with them as his relations. He bids them welcome to his table, takes care of them, provides for them, sees that they want nothing that is fit for them: when he died he left them rich legacies, now he is in heaven he keeps up a correspondence with them, and will have them all with him at last, and will in nothing fail to *do the kinsman's part* (Ruth 3:13), nor will ever be ashamed of his poor relations, but will confess them before men, before the angels, and before his Father."

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Ruth 3:13 (New International Version)

13 Stay here for the night, and in the morning if he wants to redeem, good; let him redeem. But if he is not willing, as surely as the LORD lives I will do it. Lie here until morning."

[Matthew 6:1 \(New International Version\)](#)

Giving to the Needy

17Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

[Matthew 7:21 \(New International Version\)](#)

21Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

[John 15:14 \(New International Version\)](#)

14You are my friends if you do what I command.

[Hebrews 2:11 \(New International Version\)](#)

11Both 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.

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Ruth 2:22-23 And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, *It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, ...* So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest .

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