

THE FAMILY OF JESUS



MATTHEW 13:53-58

I. Jesus grew up in a family of at least seven children (Matthew 13:53-58).



- What responsibilities would be added to the oldest son in that home?
- How would they feel about Jesus leaving home at the age of 30?

II. During His ministry, Jesus' family interacted with Him (Mark 3:20-21, 31-35).



- How did Jesus' family view His level of devotion?
- Who does Jesus view as His truest family?

III. For a long time, his brothers did not believe (John 7:1-5).



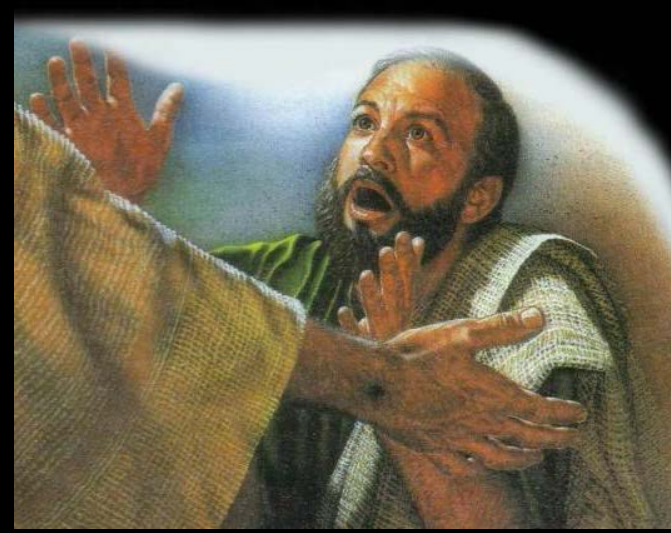
- How could you spend so much time with Jesus and not believe?
- What attitudes keep us from believing in Jesus?

IV. Joseph had probably died before the cross (Mark 6:3; John 19:26-27).



- How would the brothers of Jesus view His leaving of the family business?
- If Jesus had sisters and four brothers, why give Mary to John's care?

**V. His brothers believed
after His resurrection
(Galatians 1:19;
Acts 15:13).**



- How would an unbelieving brother view the risen Lord? (I Corinthians 15:7)
- How did Jesus' converted brothers view Him? (James 1:1; Jude 1)

Call to Action: To be the family that Jesus longs for us to be.



- How does Jesus describe His true family?
- How much would you love to be in His family?
- How can we be born into His family?
- What is keeping you from dying to your old life?

-How can we help?