

The Gospel of Mark - Thicker Than Blood

Text: Mark 3:20-35

Main Points

- Most of us have heard the phrase: “Blood is thicker than water.” Family bonds are stronger than other relationships.
- Jesus is telling us here that there is a relationship that is even stronger than family bonds.
- Here in Mark’s story, we have Jesus continuing to do amazing things, and continuing to make astounding claims, and continuing to irritate the leaders. Now, Jesus’ family is concerned that Jesus, who is at the center of this scene in Capernaum, has lost his good sense and they go to him thinking to bring him back home quietly.
- When Jesus’ mother and brothers arrive, Jesus’ answer to those who have announced his family’s arrival must have surprised or even shocked those who heard it. “Who are my mother and brothers” and then looking him, he said “Here are my mother and brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother, sister and mother”
- Jesus seizes the moment to compare something of great worth (our human family relationships) to something of incomparable worth (our relationship with God). Jesus is saying that being rightly related to God, as well as our rightly relating to God, is more important than anything else in life.
- The most important thing in life is doing the will of God.
- When we do the will of God, we will experience an even greater family reality than our earthly family can provide.

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