

Jesus' Brother, Sister, Mother

Faith in Jesus has earned us lots of goodies. We have become coheirs with Him, children of God, righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, seated in heaven places in Christ Jesus, and many more. Jesus said some serious things that many people would be offended by almost for life. Jesus was very specific on who was His brother, sister, or mother.

Matthew 12:50 *For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.*

Mark 3:35 *For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.*

- a) The family of Jesus thought they had special privileges and access to Him more than others. They were stunned. Jesus' brethren had not believed on Him yet. Traditions of men and culture exalts Mary above everyone else and all women.
 - i) Some people think Mary was superior to all other humans and because of that they have exalted her above all other humans which is not consistent with the heart of God.
 - ii) Luke 1:28 *And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.*
 - iii) The Word says she was highly favored **among**, not **above** women.
- b) Jesus was not dishonoring His mother or brethren. He simply elevated us who have believed on Him on a level higher than His physical brethren. What a deal! This should silence and destroy any "Mary worship" or overly exaltation. Mary and Jesus' brothers were not demoted. We who believed on Him were simply promoted.

- c) What is the will of the Father? It is to believe on Jesus who He has sent. Those who have believed on Jesus are the true *brothers, sisters, and mothers of Jesus*.

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