

FAMILY OR FOLLOWER?

I. The Family of Jesus

1. It was large. Mt 13:55. James, Jude, Josés, Simon, Jesus, 2+ sisters= 7+. Quite a responsibility when Joseph died in Jesus' teens.

1A. *Mobile working May - Exp. Apr 4:13*
2. It was a ~~poor~~ family. Prophesied-root out of dry. Sneer in Mt 13:55. Familiar scene in Lk 15:8-9. lost coin. Depended on money from carpentry.

3. It was a sociable family. Lk 15:9. Lk 11:5 friend at midnight, and on friendly terms with neighbors. Picnics together-lilies, Mt 6:28. Harvest, Jn 4:35. Sheep, Lk 15:4-5.

4. It was self-educated. No formal rabbinical school training but plenty in home. Heb, Grk, Amaraic. Read, Lk 4:16, write, Jn 3:6.

5. It was *godly Religion* Mary's magnificat, 15 Old Test. echoes. Lk 1 Both parents to Jer yearly Lk 2:41. *p. 7:5* Kids taught Script. Mt 4 Jesus, Book Jas for James.
6. *Comm. - Mary, Jno, Jos.*

Then something happened. Big brother began to preach. Diff from Judaism and at odds with rel leaders. Nowhere was that new rel pressure more felt than in home in Nazareth. Say, that's your brother who's popping off like that. What kind of joker or crack-pot ishe? You don't go along do you.

Your family, Kn, educated, sociable, well-thot of. But camp, service something puts pressure on you to go all out for Lord. Easy to say I'm in good Kn family or ch. Look at all I'm doing.

Not many instances where Jesus meets family during His ministry. Cana well-known. Not long after another. Mt 12. Reason for coming--desiring, *v. 46-7*. Why? Take Him home, keep Him out of trouble, get rid of embarrassment He was causing. Pressing Pharisees too much. Open conflict. Taking rel too seriously.

Hand of Jerm. Ch. Acts 12:17, 15:13-24. J. L. K. 4/24/18

II. Followers of Jesus

1. Who? Anybody? Stretched forth hand
2. What? His spiritual kin closer than own family. Not my bro but bro to me (def art not in Grk)
3. How? Do will of Father. Lk-hear Word and do. Emphasis on Do will of God. Most imp't thing What it is I do not know, but do not limit God by present desires. Do not try to flatter God by abilities. Do not cheat self by unwillingness.

Point of incident--You can be in the family of Jesus and not be a follower of Jesus. But if you are a follower by doing will of God you are in the family.