

The Lord's Family
(Matthew 12:46-50)

Introduction:

1. This morning we studied passages that teach us to do the Father's will.
2. In Matthew 12:50 Jesus identified His relatives as those who *"do the will of my Father which is in heaven."*
3. In our lesson we are studying:
 - a. this statement
 - b. a number of passages that identify the Lord's family.

Discussion:

- I. THE SCRIPTURES IDENTIFY THE LORD'S PARENTS
 - A. Mary was the Lord's mother (Luke 1:26-35).
 - B. Although Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Joseph was recognized as His father (Luke 2:41, 48).
- II. THE SCRIPTURES RECORD THE LORD'S GENEALOGIES
 - A. His genealogy to Adam through Mary is recorded in Luke 3:23-38.
 1. He would be the seed of woman (Genesis 3:15).
 2. When the time was right He was *"made of a woman"* (Galatians 4:4).
 3. In his Gospel Luke emphasized the fact that Jesus is *"the Son of man."*
 - B. His genealogy to Abraham through Joseph is recorded in Matthew 1:1-16.
 1. He would be the seed of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3).
 2. He would be a king from the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:10).
 3. In his Gospel Matthew emphasized the fact that Jesus is *"the King of the Jews."*
- III. THE SCRIPTURES IDENTIFY THE LORD'S SIBLINGS
 - A. He had 4 brothers: James, Joseph, Jude, and Simon (Mark 6:3).
 1. At one point they did not believe in Him (John 7:5).
 2. However, they were among His followers in Jerusalem after He ascended (Acts 1:14).
 3. James:
 - a. became a leader in the Jerusalem church (Acts 15:13; Galatians 1:18-19)
 - b. wrote one of the New Testament letters (James 1:1).
 4. Jude also wrote a New Testament letter (Jude 1).
 - B. We do not know their names and we do not know how many, but the Lord had sisters as well (Mark 6:3).
- IV. THE SCRIPTURES IDENTIFY THE LORD'S SPIRITUAL FAMILY TODAY
 - A. He referred to His disciples as His *"brethren"* (John 20:17-18).
 - B. As we read earlier, Jesus identified those who do the Father's will as His family (Matthew 12:46-50; Luke 8:21).

Conclusion:

1. According to Jesus, we can be His relatives today.
2. The key is doing the Father's will.
3. Let us adopt the Lord's statement in John 4:34.