

The Story of Jesus: His Family

(Lesson 77)

Introduction:

1. Growing in the knowledge of Christ is an important responsibility (2 Peter 3:18).
2. Searching the Scriptures is the key to achieving this growth because they testify of Him (John 5:39).
3. In this lesson we are searching the Scriptures to 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 (Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:48).

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. He also identified those who do the Father's will as His family (Matthew 12:46-50; Luke 8:21).