

CHRIST'S TRUE FAMILY

Mark 3:31-35 (ESV) ³¹ And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³² And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” ³³ And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴ And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!” ³⁵ For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

Introduction: Our families can be the source of greatest joy and heartache. Family can trigger our strongest emotions. Jesus had a family. He loved his family, and yet they became a potential source of distress for him. They show themselves more sympathetic with the hostile religious leaders who oppose Jesus’ ministry. His family members unwittingly try to derail his true mission. Who belongs to Jesus’ true family?

I. **The Outsiders** — vv. 31-32

II. **The Insiders** — vv. 33-35