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Title: The Blessings of God's Family

Text: Matthew 12:46-50

Facts Surrounding Jesus' Family

1. He had brothers.

John 7:2-3 - But when the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near, Jesus' brothers said to him, "Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do.

2. James "the less" possible brother or cousin.

3. John the Baptist was his 2nd cousin.

4. Extended family members in Nazareth and surrounding area.

We Are Born Spiritually into The Family of God

John 3:6 - Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

We Are Members of an Everlasting Family

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

We Are Members of a Caring Family

1 Peter 2:17 - Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers...

Prayer, friendships, common goals and values

We Are Members of an Active Family – Acts 2

Diverse backgrounds same spiritual Father.

Diverse strengths and weakness united together in Christ to do the work of the Lord.

Acts 2:41-47 - ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.