

# The True Family of Jesus

Mark 3:20-22 NLT

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*One time Jesus entered a house, and the crowds began to gather again. Soon he and his disciples couldn't even find time to eat. When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said.*

*But the teachers of religious law who had arrived from Jerusalem said, "He's possessed by Satan, the prince of demons. That's where he gets the power to cast out demons."*

## Three Theories about Jesus' Identity in the Bible

1. Jesus is "\_\_\_\_\_."
2. Jesus is "\_\_\_\_\_."
3. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.

Based on the information available: The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus

- **He is the *Son of Man*** – a divine figure from heaven who comes to judge and cleanse the earth at the end of time (Daniel 7; Mark 2:10, 28)
- **He is the *Lord of the Sabbath*** – meaning He instituted the Sabbath which took place at Creation; Jesus is saying, 'I was there at Creation' (Genesis 2:1-3; Mark 2:28)
- **He has the *power to forgive all sins*** – meaning that all sin ever committed has ultimately been against Him (Mark 2:5, 10)

## THE KINGDOM IN ACTION

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## A Fourth Theory about Jesus' Identity in Modern Times

4. The New Testament Gospels are not \_\_\_\_\_ accounts of Jesus' life and claims (ie. they are legends made up at a later time).

### Major difficulties with this assertion

The Gospels were written \_\_\_\_\_.

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The content is too \_\_\_\_\_.

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The Gospels have too much \_\_\_\_\_.

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The only reasonable conclusion is that Jesus is who He said He is: the LORD of the Universe.

### The True Family Resemblance

*Then Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him. They stood outside and sent word for him to come out and talk with them. There was a crowd sitting around Jesus, and someone said, "Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you."*

*Jesus replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" Then he looked at those around him and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers. **Anyone who does God's will** is my brother and sister and mother."*

Mark 3:31-35 NLT

There is no \_\_\_\_\_ membership in God's Kingdom.  
Those in the family of God will bear the family \_\_\_\_\_.

### **How do we take on the Family Resemblance?**

We need a \_\_\_\_\_ to reorder our entire lives around Jesus.

### **How will you invest in your Key Relationships?**

*Jesus*

*Family*

*Friends*

*Those who are Spiritually Disoriented*

*Yourself (personal health and well-being)*

### **What Life Rhythms will you establish?**

*Daily*

*Weekly*

*Monthly*

*Quarterly*

## **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

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- 1) What from this passage and Sunday's teaching stood out to you?
- 2) Have you ever had someone question the divinity of Jesus in a conversation with you? What has been their primary argument? How have you responded to them? Based on the sermon how might you respond to someone questioning the divinity of Jesus?
- 3) Jeremy spoke on Sunday about the need to *bear the family resemblance* to Christ. It is one thing to give someone a list of the qualities that an apprentice of Jesus embodies, and it is quite another to show someone through the way we live our lives every day that we are apprenticing with Jesus. Describe someone you know who you think bears a "family resemblance" to Jesus. What are they like? How do they live? How have they had an impact on your life?
- 4) The Apostle Paul, Peter and the writer of Hebrews all use the language of needing to "make every effort" to grow in Christ-likeness. This is not to suggest that we can earn favour or love from God – rather because we are loved and accepted, we seek to be intentional to put ourselves in the 'pathway of the Spirit' so He can form us into the *family likeness*.
  - a) How have you intentionally sought to engage Jesus in your own "rule of life" kind of ways? How have you sought to engage Jesus and other key relationships daily, weekly, monthly, and quarterly?
  - b) Brainstorm together as a group ways that you can engage Jesus and your key relationships more deeply in order to take on more of the family resemblance.
- 5) Pray for grace for one another as you seek to reorder every aspect of your lives around Jesus.