

Sermon Outline

“The New Family of God”

Matthew 12:46-50

I. Structure of the passage

- A** His natural family members want to speak with him v. 46
- B** His family outside is announced by another v. 47
- C** Jesus poses the key question v. 48
- B¹** His family within is announced by him v. 49
- A¹** His true family members are doers of the Father’s will v. 50

II. Jesus’ natural family vv. 46-47

Parents – Mary & Joseph Mt 1:18-25

Brothers – James, Joseph, Simon, Judas Mt 13:53-56

Sisters – unnamed Mt 13:56

The natural family’s importance is diminished in the Kingdom of God

See 10:34-37 (citing Micah 7:5-7)

The crucial matter is one’s allegiance to Christ Mt 8:21-22

The obligations to natural family not set aside Lk 2:51; Jn 19:25-27

Cf. Mt 15:4-6;

III. Jesus’ spiritual family vv. 49-50

Jesus disciples are his family Mt 19:29; 28:10 (*cf.* Jn 20:17)

“Brother” language: Mt 5:22-24; 7:3-5; 18:15, 21, 35; 23:8 (*cf.* 25:40)

The church is Christ’s adopted family Heb 2:10-12; Rom 8:29; Eph 2:19

Our first obligation is to Christ and his household Gal 6:9, 10