

Matthew 12:46-50 **Mother and Brothers – Earthly or Spiritually**

46 While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. 47 Then one said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You."

48 But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" 49 And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! 50 For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ The crowd was so demanding and tightly pressed around Jesus and His disciples that they could not even eat bread. [\[Mark 3:20\]](#)
- ✚ It was the mother and brothers of Jesus who came to Him out of concern. [\[Mark 3:21, 31-35, Matthew 12:46-50, Luke 8:19-21\]](#)
- ✚ When His mother and brothers arrived, they could not get in to Him because of the press of the crowd, so they stood outside calling Him. [\[Matthew 12:46-50, Mark 3:31, Luke 8:19\]](#)
- ✚ Those of the multitude around Jesus passed the word to Jesus. [\[Mark 3:32, Luke 8:20\]](#)
- ✚ Jesus did indeed have a mother named Mary, and brothers named James, Joses, Judas, and Simon, and sisters as well. [\[Matthew 13:55-56, Mark 6:3\]](#)
- ✚ The brothers of Jesus did not believe in Him until he appeared to them after His resurrection. [\[John 7:5\]](#)
- ✚ Jesus indicated that He felt closer akin to those who do the will of God, than to human blood brothers. [\[Mark 3:21, 31-35, Matthew 12:46-50, Luke 8:19-21\]](#)
- ✚ Jesus did not show disrespect for His earthly family, but more closeness with Saints of God who live the lives of obedience to the will of the Father in Heaven.
 - ✧ There is more comradery (close fellowship) between fellow believers, than in family bond.