

INTRODUCTION

- A. PARALLELS** (Mt.12:46-50; Mk.3:31-35(21); Lk.8:19-21; Jn.15:14; note: biblical parallelism)
- B. GOSPEL HARMONY: ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES** (i.e., contexts: horizontal & vertical)
- C. MATTHEW: BEFORE & AFTER PARABLES** (12:46-50 & 13:53f)
- D. MARK: BEFORE PARABLES** (3:31-35; then 4:1f)
- E. LUKE: AFTER PARABLES** (8:4-18; then 19-21)
- F. JOHN: FRIENDS & FAMILY** (15:14,12f)
- G. MOTHER, MOTHER** (Mt.12:46&50; Mk.3:31&35)
- H. SUMMARY: CROWDS/DISCIPLES; FAMILY** (Mt.13:2f,10f; 34,35,36f; see 12:46f; see Mk.4:11 & 3:31; Lk.8:21,12,13,14,15,18)

POINT: OUR CHURCH FAMILY (Mt.12:50; Mk.3:35; Lk.8:21; Jn.15:14)

- A. CROWD** (Mt.12:46(13:34); Mk.3:20; 4:1f; Lk.8:4)
- B. OUTSIDE** (Mt.12:46,47(13:1,36); Mk.3:31,32(3:20; 4:11); Lk.8:19,20; see Jn.7:5)
- C. MOTHER & BROTHERS** (Mt.12:46,47,48,49,50; Mk.3:31,32,33,34,35; Lk.8:19,20,21)
- D. SENT, CALLED: OBLIGATION** (Mk.3:31,32; see Mt.12:46x50; Mk.3:31x35; see 1Kngs.2:36,42; Acts 20:17; see Ex.20:12; Dt.5:16)
- E. SITTING AROUND HIM** (Mk.3:32,34; see Mt.12:49; see Lk.8:35; 10:39; Acts 22:3)
- F. THE WILL OF THE FATHER** (Mt.12:50 (6:9,10); Lk.8:21; Jn.15:14)
- G. HEAR & HEED** (Lk.8:21; Mt.12:50; Mk.3:35; see Mt.7:21; Lk.11:28; see Jms.1:23,25; 4:11)

CONCLUSION

- A. HONOR GOD IN YOUR NATURAL FAMILY** (Ex.20:12; Dt.5:16; Prov.6:20,etc.; see Mt.15:4f; 19:19; Eph.6:2; 2Cor.12:14; 1Tm.5:4,8,16; see Jn.19:26)
- B. BECOME A PART OF CHRIST'S SPIRITUAL FAMILY: ADOPTION** (Mt.12:50; see Eph.1:5; 2:1f,11f; see Rom.8:15f; 9:4; Gal.4:5; see Jn.1:12,13; 11:52; 1Jn.3:1f; see 2Cor.5:21)
- C. LIVE AS THE FAMILY OF CHRIST: OBEY GOD** (Lk.8:21; Mt.12:50; Mk.3:35; see Mt.7:21; Lk.11:28; Heb.12:5f; see 1Jn.3:10; 5:2)
- D. LIVE AS THE BRETHREN OF CHRIST: LOVE ONE ANOTHER** (Jn.15:14,12f; see Mt.12:50; Mk.3:35; Lk.8:21; see 1Jn.3:10f(Jn.8:44); Gal.6:10; Prov.27:10)

*Discussion question:
Brethren, `what shall we do? (see Acts 2:37f)*