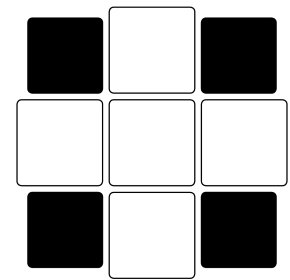


# Jesus' Real Family

Scripture: **Luke 8:19-21**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

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## Overview

In this section of scripture, Jesus' biological mother and brothers try to see him but are unable, due to the large crowd surrounding him. As Jesus is made aware, he uses this opportunity to teach that **the family of God is made up of the followers of Jesus**. Our biological connections don't exist on the same level as the spiritual connection we have being a part of the family of God. Being called God's children is something that we often take for granted. Being in the family of God is radical. It is not a given that God is our father—rather we are naturally enemies of God. Only the gospel offers the level of identity and intimacy in which Jesus is our Lord, our Savior... and our brother. There is a cost to being in the family of God. It was free for us but cost Christ's humiliation and undeserved death. Jesus has made us brothers and sons of God. We are not a part of God's family because of right, but because of adoption. Jesus' answer that his "mother and brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it" implies that not everyone is a part of the family of God. You only become a child of God through a spiritual rebirth. Those who are true followers and children of God are those who obey, who hear the word of God and do it. Faith follows, faith obeys.

## Corroborating Texts

Mark 6:3; Matthew 13:55; Romans 8:14-17; Luke 8:19-21; John 1:12-13; Luke 6:47; James 2:14-17

## Discussion Questions

1. Did Jesus have biological brothers and sisters?
2. What is the family of God? Is everyone a part of the family of God?
3. Is there a cost to being in the family of God? Have you become too comfortable with the idea that you are a part of the family of God?
4. When you think about your biological family connections and your connection with the family of God, what are the differences and similarities?
5. What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? Does your faith follow Jesus or do you appreciate this idea of God's family from a distance?