

WHO IS THIS MAN?

## **JESUS AND HIS FAMILY**

Mark 3:31-35      Jeff Schreve

*A crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, "Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are outside looking for You."*

*Answering them, He said, "Who are My mother and My brothers?" Mark 3:32-33*

**What is the deal with Jesus and His family?**

**1. Jesus loved His family.**

A. His family was large.

*"Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James, and Joses, and Judas, and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?" Mark 6:3*

B. His family thought He was crazy.

*And when His own people [kinsmen] heard of this, they went out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, "He has lost His senses." Mark 3:21*

**2. Jesus wanted a spiritual relationship with His family.**

A. Being physically related to Jesus meant nothing.

*"... and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father'; for I say to you, that God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham." Matthew 3:9*

B. Every member of His family had to repent and believe.

**3. Jesus wants everyone to be part of His family.**

*"For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother." Mark 3:35*

A. The Lord does not want anyone to perish.

*The Lord is ... patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9*

**B. The Lord wants everyone to see his sin and God's salvation.**

*"And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day." John 6:39-40*

*"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'" Matthew 7:21-23*

**The question of all questions: Are you in His family?**