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20 Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat.

21 And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” **23** And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? **24** If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. **25** And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. **26** And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. **27** But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

28 “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, **29** but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” — **30** for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

31 And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. **32** And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother

and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” **33** And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” **34** And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! **35** For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

Basic Point: Heavenly matters exceed earthly matters.

- Heavenly rewards are more precious and permanent (Matt. 6:19-21).
- Heavenly truths are richer and more desirable (John 3:12).
- Heavenly goals are more fruitful (1 Tim. 4:7-8).
- What do we do?
 - “Set your mind on things that are above not on things that are on earth.” Col. 3:2
 - This truth should not cause us to forsake earthly matters but view them in service of heavenly matters (Matthew 22:37-40; James 1:27)

Main concern of the passage: What’s the will of God? (v. 35)

To what degree does Jesus rebuke his family?

Matthew 12:46-50

46 While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. **48** But he replied to the man who told him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” **49** And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he 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.”

Luke 8:19-21

19 Then his mother and his brothers[a] came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. **20** And he was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you.” **21** But he answered them, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.”

Similarities of the Synoptic Gospels

- The discussion on family is prompted by Jesus healing the man with a withered hand on the Sabbath
- Jesus’ mother and brother remain outside of the house
- Jesus offers the same response and teaching

Difference of the Synoptic Gospels

- Reason Jesus’ mother and brothers remain outside
- The tone of the mother and brothers
- Mark connects the mother and brothers directly to the Pharisaical position while Matthew and Luke do not (vv. 22-30)

To what degree does Jesus rebuke his family?

- In Mark, Jesus harshly rebukes his family.

Why does Jesus rebuke his family?

- They wanted to silence him (v. 21).
- They distanced themselves from him (v. 31).
- Main Answer: Like the Pharisees, Jesus' family did not believe in Him.

John 1:9-11

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. **11** He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

Main point of the Passage: The primary will of God is that you believe in His Son Jesus.

What do we believe? The gospel

- **3** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, **4** that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, **5** and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve (1 Cor. 15:3-5).
- The DNA of God's family is faith in Christ.

What should our belief lead us to do?

- Obey his commandments
 - "Brother and Sister" = basic obedience (John 1:12-13)
- Proclaim him to others
 - "Mother" = Bearing Christ to others (Galatians 4:19)

We are part of God's family if we believe in Jesus Christ?

Who do we say Jesus is?

- Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me (John 14:6)