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Topic: **Life of Christ – “Who are the Brothers and Mothers of Christ?”**

Scripture Text: Mark 3: 31-35

1. Everyone has some forms of relationship whether with other humans, or even with things or pets. In Jesus' life on earth, He has the human relationship with his earthly mother Mary and other half brothers of Joseph and Mary.

2. One day while Jesus was teaching to a big crowd of people, Mary and Jesus half brethren came purposely to deliberately seek and call Jesus out. They probably thought that they had certain privileges and Jesus would yield to their bidding.

3. However, the Lord Jesus who knew all things and the hearts of men answered with this question: “Who is my mother and my brethren?” The Lord Jesus did this intentionally to teach the people His deity that He is God. They can see His humanity but they must know He is also 100% God.

4. Jesus also called Mary as “woman”. It is not disrespectful but it is to remind her that she also needs Jesus to be her Saviour. The Lord Jesus told the people that whosoever does the will of God is His mother and brethren. To know and do the will of God is to know the Bible and obey the teaching. God's will is revealed in His Word for us.

5. Christians must also know that we are one family in Christ when we trust and believe in Him. Hence, we must love one another and serve the Lord faithfully in Church.