

Life of Christ SERIES ♦ LESSON #34A – Jesus' Mother and Brothers ♦
Matthew 12:46-50, 13:53-58; Mark 3:21, 31-34, 6:1-6; Luke 8:19-21, 11:27-28; John 7:1-13

TO HELP US STUDY

1. Where did Jesus arrive in Matthew 13:53? _____
2. If the people were amazed at his teaching, why did they take offense at him? _____

3. Who from Jesus' immediate family were living there? _____
4. Why did Jesus not do many miracles there? _____
5. In Mark 3:21, what did Jesus' family say and do about him? Why? _____

6. When they arrived, who did Jesus call his mother and brothers? _____
7. In John 7, why did Jesus stay away from Judea? _____
8. What did his brothers tell him to do? _____
Why? _____
9. Did Jesus do as his brothers said? _____

Bonus: Which of Jesus' brothers are credited with writing books of the Bible? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: Luke 11:28 "He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

TEEN THOUGHT:

Are there times when your family has difficulties getting along together? The Bible shows that even Jesus and his family did not always see eye-to-eye (but we know who was always right).

TIPS FOR TEACHING

A lot of our Christian "common knowledge" is based on our Western cultural worldview, and the cultures that passed down Christianity to us. We "know" Jesus and his dad were carpenters, but the word in Matthew 13 could also be translated as "stonemason", which was the typical building method in Galilee. An illustrated Bible dictionary has photos of stone stables and mangers, which jolts our ingrained image of Jesus' birth. It's important to study Biblical history and commentaries to help us have a correct understanding of the word of God, so we can obey it properly. The Pharisees were zealous in trying to follow every letter of the law, but were often condemned for missing the point.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE: Mt 2:13-21; Deut 18:15; Isa 53:2-3; John 6:25-58; Heb 3:1-6; Lk 24:44; Lk 16:27-31; Gal 2:11-16; Jude 1:1; Acts 2:42-44; Heb 10:24-25; Mk 5:19; Mk 7:9-13; Jn 19:26-27; 1 Tim 5:1-8,16; Eph 6:1-4; Ps 68:4-6;