

Here is Your Mother

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I. Here are the details of this series of passages.

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- * Jesus often **challenged** large crowds with difficult statements meant to weed out those who were following him for the wrong reasons.
- * This statement weeded out those who had misplaced **priorities** between God and family. (See John 6:54)

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- * There was a time when His own **family** did not believe in Him as being the Messiah. V. 50. (see also John 7:5 and Mark 3:21)
- * Jesus puts the family of God **above** his own earthly family.

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- * We must be **faithful** to provide for our earthly family.

- * Fulfilling our earthly obligations show our **faith** in action.

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- * Jesus, even in the midst of great personal struggle, **provided** for his mother.

- * His **emphasis** was constantly on the Kingdom of God and not earthly priorities. Mary had earthly sons.

II. How can we apply these truths?

- * We must be faithful to our earthly **obligations**.

- * We must surrender **all** our relationships to the control of Jesus Christ.

- * It is idolatry to place **earthly** family over God.

- * This idolatry leads to dysfunction. This dysfunction can be **repaired** only when the Kingdom of God becomes our #1 priority.