

Fairfield Baptist Church.
Hamilton
Sunday 13.02.2022
Hear and Obey
Luke 8. 19-21.

Introduction

Joy and blessings of the week

Humidity

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Luke Series

Ross last week

Take care how we listen

Being Authentic

Being careful listeners

This week

Jesus family

Hear and Obey

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Bible Text.

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Luke 8:19-21

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Jesus' Mother and Brothers

¹⁹ Now Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd.

²⁰ Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you."

²¹ He replied,

"My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."

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James 1:22-25

New Living Translation

²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. ²³ For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like.

²⁵ But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it

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Jesus Family

Jesus Parents

Summary

We know some details about Jesus' family. His mothers' name was Mary. She was married to Joseph. Joseph was not the actual father of Jesus but adopted Him upon His birth.

Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit. Joseph was prominent only in the accounts surrounding Jesus' birth, flight to Egypt, and return.

He is mentioned in the story of Jesus and the Temple.

We know nothing of the circumstances of Joseph's death. There may be a hint of his death before the public ministry of Jesus in the words of Simeon. He was not around when Jesus entered His public ministry. Mary is mentioned on certain occasions during Jesus' ministry.

Mary was a virgin when the angel announced to her that she would give birth to the Messiah. She figures prominently into the birth narrative of Jesus.

There are only a few other occasions where she is mentioned. She is at the wedding of Cana of Galilee when Jesus turns the water into wine. Mary is also with Jesus' brothers and sisters when they wish to speak with Him apart from the crowd.

She was there at His first miracle, attempted to take Him aside at one point, and was there at His crucifixion.

She was taken into the home of the Apostle John after the death of Jesus.

The last mention of her in the New Testament is before Pentecost where she is together with the other disciples.

Jesus Brothers and Sisters

Did Jesus have any brothers? If so how many?

Did Jesus have any sisters? If so how many?

Bible Verses about Jesus' Brother and Sisters

Let us first sum up what we know from the New Testament of the brothers and sisters of the Lord.

They are mentioned in

Matthew 12:46-50, 13:55-56; **Mark 3:31**, 6:3;

Luke 8:19; **John 2:12**, 7:3;

Acts 1:14; **1 Cor. 9:5**; and

Paul speaks of a James the Lord's brother (**Galatians 1:19**).

Of the brothers, there seem to have been four who are named in **Matthew 13:55**: James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas (see **Mark 6:3**).

Matthew 13:53-58

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A Prophet Without Honour

⁵³ When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. ⁵⁴ Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked. ⁵⁵ "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and **aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?** ⁵⁶ **Aren't all his sisters with us?** Where then did this man get all these things?" ⁵⁷ And they took offense at him.

But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home."

⁵⁸ And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

Matthew and Mark mention the sisters, but neither the number nor the names are given.

From the language of the Nazarenes (**Matthew 13:56**, "His sisters, are they not all with us?"), there must have been at least two, probably more, and apparently married, and resident at Nazareth.

These brothers and sisters are not mentioned at all until after the Lord began His ministry and are first mentioned as going with His mother and Himself to Capernaum (**John 2:12**).

It is in dispute whether any were believers in His Messianic claims, at least until the very end of His ministry (**John 7:3-10**).

Most say that they were made believers through His **resurrection**, as they appear in company with the Apostles (**Acts 1:14**).

In all the references to the Lord's brethren several things are noticeable:

first, that they are always called brothers and sisters, not cousins or kinsmen;

second, that their relationship is always defined with reference to Him, not to Joseph or to Mary; they are always called His brothers and sisters, not sons and daughters of Mary;

third, that they always appear in connection with Mary (except in **John 7:3**) as if her children, members of her household, and under her direction.

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Hear God's Word

How do we hear God's word?

We are responsible to read God's written Word every day.

As we read the Bible.

2 Tim 3:16-17

Psa 119:15-16

As we hear the Bible preached. Pastors instruction from God's word.

As we read books about the Bible.

As we learn more and more about Jesus.

His teaching - Example

Heb 1:1-4

Creation

Psa 19:1-4a

Godly Council

Jesus – Peter,

Paul – Ananias

Fellowship with friends - advice tied to scripture

Directive from Godly leadership.

As we see God in control of life.

Circumstances

Provision

III = Tuesday morning.

1) Eleanor Chee bringing mail.

Asked her the difference between WEC and Eastwest College.

2)Went on to visit Murray and Jenny new carpet.

Murray gave me a book about "An inspiring history of the WEC missionary training College at Gordonton."

3)We then went out for lunch – Silvia Jellyman – Glaisdale.

When we pulled in lady next door came out.

She is the lady who wrote the book I had just been given.

4)Later that day we were given a generous gift to help us at this time.

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Obey God's Word

One of Jesus hardest requests.

Obedience brings success

Joshua 1:8-9

Moses to Joshua

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⁸ Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. **Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.** ⁹ This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Obedience brings blessing

"Doing the will of God is the evidence of salvation by grace, not salvation by works."

James 1:22-25

James Jesus brother

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What are some of the hardest things in the Bible we are asked to do?

Repent of your sins

It's a change of mind that brings about a change of heart that is seen in a change of action.

Its turning from my ways to follow God's ways.

Repentance and faith in God.

Acts 3:19

Matt 3:2

For salvation

For daily living

Be Baptised

Are you a Christian who has never been baptised? Acts 2:38

Love one another

1 John 3:9-10

1 John 4:7-8

Be Joyful always

Phil 4:4-7

Make Disciples / Witness

Matt 28:18-20

Keep Unity in the Church

Eph 4:1-6, 1 Cor 1:10. 2 Cor 13:11 Psa 133:1-3

Do not judge + do not condemn

Give + Forgive one another.- As God in Christ has forgiven you

Sorry

Who does the Bible tell us to obey?

Obey God

Acts 5:29

Obey Christ in all things.

Christ's teaching and attitudes

Obey the government - civil authorities

Romans 13:1-7

Obey the government - Put there by God.

If not you sin against God

If you do you bring judgement on yourself

Obey our Spiritual leaders / elders

Hebrews 13:7,17

In family relationships

Husband - Christ - 1 Cor 11:3

Wife - Husband - Col 3:18

Children - Parents - Col 3:20

"We obey the Lord Jesus when we obey those, He puts over us."

"Jesus learned obedience by the things He suffered."

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"Obedience is the key that unlocks God's promises."

When We Walk With the Lord / Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way;
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey,
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.

2 Not a shadow can rise,
Not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear,
Not a sigh or a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.

3 Not a burden we bear,
Not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss,
Not a frown or a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey.

4 But we never can prove
The delights of His love,
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows,
And the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

5 Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do;
Where He sends, we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.

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Take Home Questions.

Are my spiritual family important?

How Do we hear God's word?

Bible Reading	2 Tim 3:16-17
Prayer	Psa 145:18
Instruction	Prov 8:33

Are we ready to obey God's word?

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Single word summary.

OBEY

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"What does the Lord require of you?

To do justice, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6:8

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"To obey is better than sacrifice."

1 Samuel 15:22