

# Messy Family

Matthew 1:18-25

**HOPE**  
for the holiday blues

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**Let's unpack the storyline of Jesus'  
interaction with family to glean  
instruction from His example and  
discover the hope of a better family!**



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You are doing the works your father did.” [The Jews] said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.” Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. (John 8:41–42)



# 1) Show Up, Be Present (despite the mess)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ...Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar...Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab...David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah...Joseph the husband of **Mary**, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. (Matthew 1:1-16)



1) Show Up, Be Present (despite the mess)

**How can you show up and be present  
for an upcoming family gathering?**



## 2) Demonstrate your higher family allegiance



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**How many people were  
in Jesus' earthly family?**





# Matthew 13:55-56

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Is not his mother called Mary?  
And are not his brothers James and Joseph  
and Simon and Judas?  
And are not all his sisters with us?...



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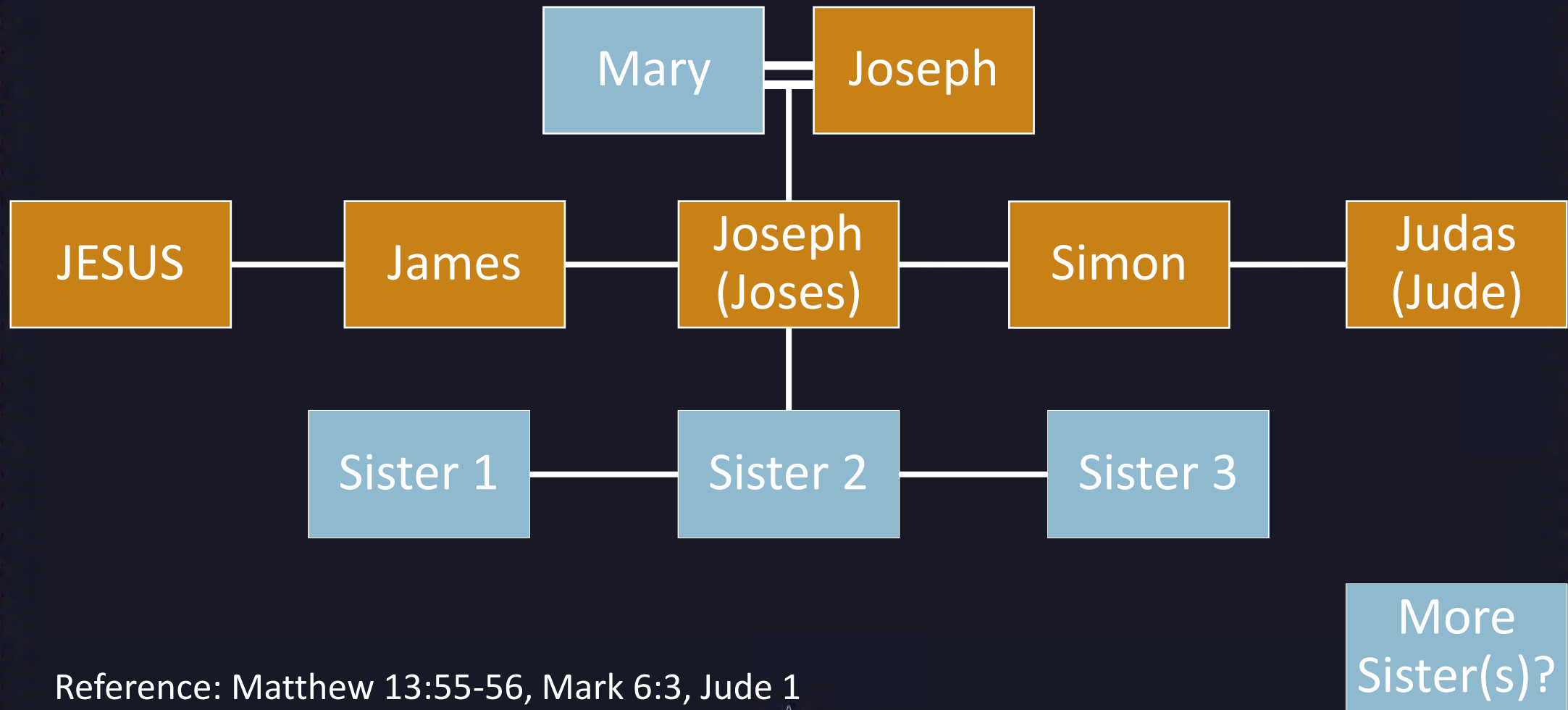
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# Jesus' Earthly Family



Reference: Matthew 13:55-56, Mark 6:3, Jude 1



## 2) Demonstrate your higher family allegiance

...So his brothers said to him, “Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world.” **For not even his brothers believed in him.** (John 7:1–5)

## 2) Demonstrate your higher family allegiance

Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

(Mark 3:20–21)





## 2) Demonstrate your higher family allegiance

...“Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.” (Mark 3:31-35)



## 2) Demonstrate your higher family allegiance

“...a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.” (Matthew 10:36–38)



## 2) Demonstrate your higher family allegiance

**How might you demonstrate your higher family allegiance at an upcoming family gathering?**



# 3) Extend Grace & Express Love



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When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby [the cross], he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. (John 19:26–27)





### 3) Extend Grace & Express Love

**How might you extend grace and express love  
at an upcoming family gathering?**



# 4) Enter the Family of God



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...[Jesus] had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people... (Hebrews 2:17)



## 4) Enter the Family of God

...He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers...

(Hebrews 2:11)



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...to all who did receive [Jesus], who believed in his name, he gave the right to become  
children of God. (John 1:12)





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...[Christ] was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time...Then he appeared to James...(1 Corinthians 15:4–7)

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James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus  
Christ... (James 1:1)



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**This hope of a better family is the very best fuel for loving your messy earthly family.**





How will you bring one of these into your upcoming family gathering?

1. Show Up, Be Present
  2. Demonstrate your Higher Family Allegiance
  3. Extend Grace & Express Love
  4. Enter the Family of God
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