

Threats To Your Faith: *Family And Friends*
Mark 3: 20-21 and 3: 31-34

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Verse 20 – 21

**Your new life is disturbing to some
who know the old you**

Jesus' friends/family are embarrassed the multitudes are following Him. *Why?*

Why are people embarrassed about Jesus?

People may hide their faith out of shame – [Mark 8: 34-38](#)

People may hide their faith out of fear. Peter was such a man - recall his three denials

Think of shame, think of Jesus not ashamed – [Hebrews 12: 2](#)

Paul was not ashamed – [Romans 1: 16](#)

Come what may

I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST!

Verse 31 - 34

Those “*outside*” of Jesus are embarrassed
by Jesus – *even family*

It seems a report has gotten back to Nazareth that Jesus is acting crazy – “all the Messiah talk”

The family resolves to find Him and, most likely, try to take Him back to Nazareth

Outside = “exo” = out or away

These folks were away from Jesus; close, but don’t know Jesus!

So many today do religious talk, talk Jesus talk, say they know Jesus, but are “outside” Jesus

Although Mary knows Jesus is the Messiah, she doesn’t fully understand what that means – **Luke 1: 32-33**

Jesus’ brothers are very much “outside” of Jesus, away from Jesus

They are fed up with Jesus doing His Messiah thing – ***EMBARRASSING!***

Jesus’ life was threatened in Judea; his brothers want Him to go to the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem – John 7: 1-5

Jesus used metaphors to describe who He was; seven “I AM” statements in John

Man lives in 3 dimensions of time – I was, I am, I will be

God lives in the eternal now – “I AM”

In John, Jesus is Living Water = life-giving water; only God can give life – JESUS IS GOD!

Jesus came to do the Father’s will; He stayed on mission and refused to allow anything to distract Him

LESSON: Do not allow anyone or anything to distract you from your mission (*an ambassador of Christ*)

Jesus' family was not simply outside of the house, they were "*outside*" of Jesus, they did not know Jesus!

There are those today who hear about Jesus, listen to Christian music, and read about Jesus, but are far from Jesus or "*outside*" of Jesus; they think they are okay, *but are NOT!*

There are many today that use God talk and Jesus speak to pacify themselves or relatives, yet are "*outside*" of Jesus

Jesus addresses those who are “*outside*” of Jesus:

“Who is My mother or My brother?”
(who is outside?)

Jesus tells us who are inside and who are outside:

“For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother.”

“My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and DO IT” - Luke 8: 21

What is the will of God?

To know the Son, to become an insider in the family of God – John 6: 40

We are all “*outsiders*” until we say “YES” to Jesus’ offer of salvation –
a gift!

CLOSING

The whole of Jesus' ministry was to reach out to the "*outsiders*" (us), those who are broken, battered and bruised, and bring them into His kingdom to become insiders

Salvation is a grace gift; becoming an insider is a grace gift

It is not earned, nor merited; it is simply grace, something to be received!

FOLKS:

Jesus (*GOD*) is the consummate insider

He was willing to become an outsider (*human*) to bring those who believe to the place of being an insider

ALL BY GRACE!

Aren't you thankful Jesus' mission was to seek and to save the lost! – Luke 19: 10

Aren't you thankful Jesus' mission was to make *“outsiders” insiders!*

And for that He bore the cross, all for you to become an insider!

FOLKS: *THAT IS GOOD NEWS!*

FOLKS: *THAT IS A GREAT SAVIOR!!*

“OUTSIDER” **to an** “INSIDER”

ALL BECAUSE OF JESUS!!