

**Messiah's Mother**  
**Matthew 12:46-50**

Introduction: Mother goddess worship old and new

Matthew 12:46-50 – notes on context and proper exegesis

A difficult message to received due to:

Individualism in the world

Idolatry of family in the church

1. Understanding the text

Jesus had natural brothers (Mark 6:3)

(so the Roman Catholic teaching on the perpetual virginity of Mary is wrong).

Jesus' family was unbelieving (Mark 3:20-21, John 7:1-5)

Jesus redefines family, which does two things:

A. Rebukes the default place that natural family holds  
(Idolatry of family; we are hard-wired to say "yes" to family;  
We need our minds renewed to consider family as Jesus does)

B. An encouragement to all disciples that we are Jesus' family!

The incredible doctrine of adoption

2. Behold your brothers, your sisters, your mother!

Who are those who do the will of the Father, then and now?

The church IS family according to Paul (Eph 2:19)

An invitation to join God's household

How the household of God ought to look (1 Tim 5:1, 2 Tim 2:2-10)

The familial unity of God's family displays God's glory to the universe (Eph 3:10)