

The Family of God

Mark 3:20-35

1. The opposition by the “family” (20-22)

- Earthly family considered Jesus insane
- Religious family judged Jesus possessed

2. The response to the “family” (23-34)

- Danger of the unforgivable sin
- Reality of not being part of the family

3. The invitation for the “family” and us! (31-35)

- Join the family
- Live as a family

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would be either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity (London: Fontana: 1960), 52–53.