

JESUS' MOTHER AND BROTHERS

Luke 8:16-21

Key Verse: 8:21

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

Study Questions:

1. Read verses 16-17. What is the purpose of lighting a lamp? If the word of God is the lamp, what kinds of people might conceal it by putting it in a jar or under a bed?
2. Read verse 17. What is the final destiny of those who ignore God's word of promise? Why must our lives be based on the word of God? Read verse 18. What does it teach us about our attitude when we study God's word?
3. Read verse 16. If the lamp represents persons, who are some of the small lamps in history that come to your mind? Who is the true light? (Jn 1:9)
4. Read verses 19-21. Why did Jesus' mother and brothers come to see him? (Mk 3:21) How had Jesus' lifestyle and his relationship with his human family changed since he began his ministry? How did he respond to them?
5. Read verse 21 again. What are the two conditions set by Jesus for being his family member?