



## Session 4 | Mark 3:21-35; Matthew 12:46-50

*Use these questions to guide your discussion. Don't feel like you must go through all of them. Make sure you take time to talk through any other questions and observations from either the sermon or the video lesson that your group identifies.*

- What has been the biggest thing you have learned or taken away from the life of Mary, up until this point, in the series?
- Has there been a time you have felt rejected by a child, family member, or friend, even if it was small? If so, what was the situation?
- Why do you think Jesus “rejected” Mary and his family in that moment?
- Had you been Mary, or a sibling of Jesus, how would you have reacted to Jesus saying this?
- Why would Jesus consider strangers and non-relatives’ family over his actual blood family? What message do you think he was trying to send here?
- In this moment, Jesus may have very well disappointed Mary. In what ways has Jesus disappointed you?
- This does not seem like a very loving thing to do or say to his family. Why would Jesus make this statement, or why do you think he couldn't have made the same statement in a different way?
- Mary may have assumed that her blood-tie to Jesus was more important than anything. Being a Christ-follower for any length of time, you may have developed assumptions about Jesus or Christianity or just life itself. In what ways have your assumptions about Christianity or life been challenged by Jesus?
- Is there anything else that has stood out to you about the passage today?

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