

**May 27, 2024 Session 4 NT Scripture/Questions (Both Sessions)**  
**Luke 8:19-21; 11:27-28 Jesus asks *Who Is My Family?***  
***The Unnamed Woman in the Crowd Cries Out***



**The True Kindred of Jesus**

19 Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. 20 And he was told, "Your mother and

your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you." 21 But he said to them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

27 While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!" 28 But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!"

**Questions<sup>1</sup>:**

1. What surprises you most about these verses? Do you take exception to any of them?
2. What is the primary point Jesus wishes to make in his teachings on biological families and his new spiritual family?
3. I made the point that Jesus's description of family membership as "those who hear the word of God and do it" includes some of the women we have studied, specifically Sarah, Hagar, and the unnamed woman healed of a Hemorrhage. (A case can even be made for Tamar and Jesus's mother, Mary.) They heard the word of God and did it. How might their struggles and stories help you when you desire to hear the word of God and do it?

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