

**THE SAVIOR'S SIBLINGS**  
**MATT. 13:55-56 / 9-29-19 / P.M.**

**I. WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT OUR SAVIOR'S SIBLINGS?**

- A. We know the names of four brothers but not the names of his sisters.
1. James.
    - a. He was Jesus' first brother.
    - b. He was a leader in the church at Jerusalem—Gal. 1:19, Acts 12:17 and 15:13.
    - c. He wrote the book of James in the N.T.
  2. Joseph.
    - a. Named after his father since Jesus didn't take the name—Matt. 1:20-21.
    - b. Also called Joses—Mark 6:3—KJV
    - c. This is all we know about him.
  3. Simon—we know nothing else.
  4. Judas.
    - a. Also known as Jude.
    - b. Probably the Jude who wrote the book in the N.T. --Jude 1:1 says his brother was James.
- B. Originally they did not believe Jesus was the Messiah—John 7:5.
- C. After the resurrection of Jesus, though, they came to believe him—Acts 1:14 and 1 Cor. 9:5.
- D. How were they referred to in scripture?
1. Always called Jesus' brothers.
  2. Always called Jesus' brothers not the sons of Joseph.
  3. Always appear alongside of Mary except in one place, John 7:3.

**II. LESSONS FROM JESUS' SIBLINGS.**

1. Family is important. From the cross Jesus saw to it that someone would take care of his mother.
2. Family relationships can be fragile.
3. Family can be difficult to share our faith with.
4. It's probably better to witness by example with our family members than verbally.
5. We are all part of Jesus' family—Matt. 12:47-50.