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116. Jesus Is Thought To Be Beside Himself

Matthew

Mark 3:19b–21

Luke

John

19b Then he went home; 20 and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. 21 When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.”

135. Jesus’ True Kindred

Matthew 12:46–50

46 While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him.

47 Someone told him, “Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.”

48 But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?”

49 And pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!

50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

Mark 3:31–35

31 Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. 32 A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him,

“Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.”

33 And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?”

34 And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!

35 Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Luke 8:19–21

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.”

John 15:14

14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.