

Galilean Ministry—An Evil Generation Asks for a Sign (Summer 31)

Matthew 12:38–45

38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.”
 39 But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet;
 40 for just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. [cf. [Jonah 1:17](#)]
 41 “The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment, and will condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. [cf. [Jonah 3](#)]
 42 “The Queen of the South will rise up with this generation at the judgment and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. [cf. [1 Kgs 10:1–10](#); [2 Chr 9:1–12](#)]
 43 “Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and does not find it.
 44 “Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came’; and when it comes, it finds it unoccupied, swept, and put in order.
 45 “Then it goes and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. That is the way it will also be with this evil generation.”

Galilean Ministry—Christ’s Spiritual Family (Summer 31)

Matthew 12:46–50	Mark 3:31–35	Luke 8:19–21
<p>46 While He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His mother and brothers</p> <p>were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him.</p> <p>47 Someone said to Him, “Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak to You.” 48 But Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?” 49 And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, “Behold My mother and My brothers! 50 “For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother.”</p>	<p>31 Then</p> <p>His mother and His brothers arrived,</p> <p>and standing outside they sent <i>word</i> to Him and called Him.</p> <p>32 A crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, “Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are outside looking for You.” 33 Answering them,</p> <p>He said, “Who are My mother and My brothers?” 34 Looking about at those who were sitting around Him, He said, “Behold My mother and My brothers! 35 “For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother.”</p>	<p>19 And</p> <p>His mother and brothers came to Him, and they were unable to get to Him because of the crowd.</p> <p>20 And it was reported to Him, “Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, wishing to see You.” 21 But He answered</p> <p>and said to them,</p> <p>“My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it.”</p>

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