



*The Way*

The Gospel of Mark

**Jesus' Real Family**  
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**JESUS' FAMILY REAPPEARS**

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- Mark 3:27-32 (NLT)



Jesus replied, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?”  
34 Then he looked at those around him and said, “Look, these  
are my mother and brothers. 35 Anyone who does God’s will is  
my brother and sister and mother.”

- Mark 3:33-35 (NLT)



“The kingdom of God which has been established is not an earthly cultural and political organization but a process of spiritual transformation energized by the Holy Spirit using the catalyst of the gospel message which will spread like leaven among all cultures. The message must be *disenculturated*, freed from its protective shell, so that it may take root in a thousand different cultural and political soils and bring them to full self-expression. The oil must be wrung out of the sponge, in order that it may be filled with wine.”

– Richard Lovelace

