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Scripture

**Matthew 12: 46-50**

While Jesus was speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers appeared outside, wishing to speak with him. Someone told him, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, asking to speak with you."

But he said in reply to the one who told him, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?"

And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother."

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**Our Scripture Reflection**

Please note: Our Lord is not being rude or mean-spirited to His Mother and family. After all, He is the sinless Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world. He is, however, teaching them and us an important lesson. When we call Him our Lord, when we commit our lives to Him a whole new relationship is born. We become members of His Body and we are related to Him in a manner that transcends biology. It is THE relationship that leads to eternal life.
A fellow is accosted by a street evangelist. “Are you a Christian?” to which he replies, “Why are you asking me? I could tell you anything. Ask my family. Talk with my neighbors. Speak to the folk with whom I work. THEY can tell you whether or not I am a Christian.”

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, I have committed my life to You through Your Son Jesus. May I strive each day to live the way of His Gospel. In doing so may I reveal His love for all people. Amen