

Luke 8.19-21 and Synoptic parallels
BOLD = elements unique to each evangelist

MARK 3.31-35

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, **they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they** said to him, "Your mother and your brothers **and sisters** are outside, **asking for you.**" And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And **looking at those who sat around him,** he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

LUKE 8.19-21

Then his mother and his brothers came to him, **but they could not reach him because of the crowd.** And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting **to see you.**" But he said to them, "My mother and my brothers are **those who hear the word of God** and do it."

MATTHEW 12.46-50

While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, **wanting to speak to him.** Someone told him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting **to speak to you.**" **But to the one who had told him this,** Jesus replied, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" And **pointing to his disciples,** he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my **Father in heaven** is my brother and sister and mother."