



Key – v. 18a. Also see v. 8b & 21b. "Hear", "hearing" & "heard" occur 9 times in this passage. The key is how you hear God. After discussing four types of hearers, Jesus focuses us on one more truth about hearing.

B.L.U.F. (Bottom Line Up Front): *Hearing is a family matter.*

## 1. You Need to Understand Jesus'

- Jesus was born to Mary & Joseph became His adopted father – Matthew 1:16
- Joseph & Mary bore multiple natural children – Matthew 1:24-25; Mark 6:3
- Jesus' half-siblings did not believe Him during His lifetime – John 7:5
- Jesus' half-siblings became believers after Jesus' resurrection – Acts 1:14

## 2. You Need to Understand

National attention & opposition.

Why did Jesus' mom & brothers come at this time?

- Concern for Him?
- Concern for themselves?

Who cares...don't miss this teachable moment!

## 3. You Need to Understand Jesus'

The common understanding of the depth of such family love provides a platform from which to launch our understanding of something far deeper than natural family love. Where do you find such love, acceptance, value and appreciation that is illustrated by family love but exceeds such family love?

"Family ties are at best temporal; spiritual ties are eternal." – Plummer

"Take heed how you hear" because it is the secret to:

- Obtaining salvation
- enduring life's hardships
- influencing others
- a loving relationship with your Creator & His family