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Woman, Behold Your Son



John 19 ESV

23 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, 24 so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.”

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So the soldiers did these things, 25 but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" 27 Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

The Point

As members of Jesus' family, we know that on the cross He demonstrated sacrificial love, compassion, and care for us and established the familial bonds within the Church.

God Our Father



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- Roman gods (12)
 - Genie in a bottle
 - Must keep happy
- Jewish God
 - Law
 - Judgement
 - Sacrifices

God Our Father

- Jesus' God
 - Father
 - Relationship – Changes everything
 - Revolutionary – Exclusive to Christianity

God Our Father

- Good works (balance the scales) or good luck (“lottery of heaven”)
- Can’t get to heaven on our own
- Father
 - Good dad – For His children
 - Live life His way – He knows what He is doing
 - Trust & obey – Joy
 - Family

God Our Father

- Jesus shows us what God is like
 - Generous – John 3:16
 - Holy – “Completely complete”
 - Faithful – Doesn’t change
- Do you know Him? - *That’s My King (S.M. Lockridge)*

**Mary,
Did You
Know?**



Mary, Did You Know?

- Good mom - Church
 - Not perfect
 - Faithful
 - Powerful prayers
 - Prison ministry
 - Video ministry – Two men at restaurant
- Suffers with children

A photograph of four people standing on a grassy hill, embracing each other from behind. They are silhouetted against a bright sunset sky. The scene is framed by a white border. The text "church as family" is overlaid in a white, lowercase, serif font within a white rectangular frame.

church as family

Church Family

- Jesus' Family – Not a place
- Bound together by Jesus' blood
- Kingdom of peace
- Costly
 - Co-crucifixion – Let go of the things of this world
 - Requires sacrifice
 - Responsibilities

Questions

- What made the idea of God as your perfect heavenly father a revolutionary idea?
- Jesus described God as our heavenly Father. What does that say about God's character?
- What does it mean for you to have a personal relationship with Jesus?
- On the cross, Jesus took time to make sure his earthly mother would be cared for. How does that encourage you?