

## Behold Your Mother

(John 19:25-27)

- Introduction:
1. Today is a day in which our nation celebrates motherhood.
  2. To those who are celebrating, give God thanks.
  3. But I must also recognize that today is a very difficult day for many who have lost or have had strained relationships with their mothers.
  4. If that is the case, give thanks to God for the peace he offers at times like this.
  5. One of the brief statements of Jesus from the cross tells us much about him and much about family that gives peace, comfort, and hope.
  6. Let's examine it.

### I. Jesus Had Concern For Others

- A. (John 19:25-27).
- B. This statement reinforces Matthew 20:28.
- C. (2 Corinthians 8:9).
- D. (Luke 9:58).
- E. (1 Peter 5:7).

### II. His Choice of Caregiver

- A. (John 19:25-27).
- B. (Matthew 13:55).
- C. (John 7:5; Acts 1:14).
- D. (Matthew 12:46-50).
- E. Is blood thicker than water as many say?

### III. How He Addressed His Mother

- A. (John 19:26) Referred to her as "woman" not "mother."
- B. This designation transcends the physical family.
  1. He was not addressing her as a son would his mother.
  2. He was addressing her as a Savior would a woman.
- C. (James 1:1)
- D. Again, Jesus emphasizes a greater relationship than flesh and blood.

- Conclusion:
1. In this beautiful act of devotion toward his mother, Jesus reminds us of the surpassing importance of the spiritual family over the physical family.
  2. There will be people who lose their souls because of their love for their physical family over spiritual family.
  3. On this day, I believe we're challenged and comforted by the words of Jesus from the cross.
  4. Do you want to be a part of God's family?