

FAMILY LOVE
Christ's care for His mother
John 19:25-27

Let's learn from Jesus about taking care of family responsibilities

I. MARY'S SITUATION

A. HER PRESENCE - Standing by the cross
- This is abnormal and remarkable

B. HER SORROW

1. Predicted by Simeon - See Luke 2:34-35
2. Experienced early on
3. Heightened by the current conditions

C. HER NEED

1. She Needed Support
- Her means of support is disappearing
2. She Needed a Caretaker
- She needed someone sympathetic to Jesus and sensitive to her needs

II. JESUS' DECLARATION

A. HIS CONCERN FOR MARY

1. The Address: "Women" and not "mother"
- An act of thoughtful sensitivity
2. The Transaction
- Jesus bequeaths His mother to His best friend!
3. The Provision
- He senses a sacred duty to provide for her
4. The Impact
- Making an impression on the penitent, the Centurion and the three ladies

B. HIS CONFIDENCE IN JOHN

1. He knows of John's love
- John was loyal and faithful when others fled
2. He knows of John's ability
- John had the resources, relationship and temperament for this assignment
3. He sees an immediate response from John
- John immediately takes Mary to his house

III. OUR OBLIGATIONS

A. HONOR PARENTS - Exodus 20:12

B. PROVIDE FOR FAMILY - I Timothy 5:8

C. CARE FOR WIDOWS - I Timothy 5:3

CONCLUSION:

Are you being faithful in this matter of family love?

Are you being Christ-like in your caring affection?