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As we have already established, Jesus was of the priestly order of Melchizedek, which had no father or mother nor a natural genealogy. This means Jesus didn't prioritise, honour or value His natural bloodline or genealogy - Mary (mother) and step father (Joseph), over this spiritual bloodline or genealogy.

We see this out working itself very early in the life of Jesus in the book of Luke, where just after 8 days of being born, Jesus is presented to Simeon for his blessing. Simeon says these powerful words over His life.

Luke 2:33-35 And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed— and a sword will pierce even your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

This dynamic then presents itself in a real and tangible way when Jesus is 12 years old. He has stayed behind on His own and is in His Father's house, while His parents are on their way back home, but have no idea He is not with them.

Luke 2:46-51 Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. When they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You." And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?" But they did not understand the statement which He had made to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

Q. What do you observe from both these passages in relation to Jesus and His natural parents?

We then see Jesus as an adult making this profound statement in Matthew 12:48-50 in relation to who His family are when someone in the crowd said, "Behold your mother and brothers are standing outside seeking to speak to You".

Matthew 12:48-50 But Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, "Behold My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother."

Whoever does the, "Will of My Father" is My mother and brothers! Whoever does the will of My Father are My family.

What a statement and this very statement is an apostolic plumb line, which to the flesh, the natural bloodline, is highly offensive and has the potential to cause anger, hurt, and division. But to those of the Spirit it is a resounding yes and amen.

Kingdom priests have been released from the bondage of physical bloodline, to live wholeheartedly with God and for God's divine will. Kingdom priests love their natural family, but not more than their heavenly Father or His divine will. Kingdom priests have lost their lives entirely and are 100% dedicated to seeing God's divine family raised upon the earth, called His church.

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Questions

1. What is declared in this resource has so much potential to offend us. Why is this the case?
2. Why is it essential if we truly desire to live as kingdom priests, that we have been separated from natural bloodlines?
3. We say blood is thicker than water. But I say Spirit is thicker than blood. What are our thoughts on this?
4. Where do you consider yourself to be when it comes to truly being part of His family who live for doing His will, as opposed to prioritising and valuing your natural family more?