

John 7:5~

**His brothers were, in fact, not exercising faith in him.**

**1· Now his brothers, though well meaning, were not putting faith in him at this point, though some later did, notably James and Judas.**

**[Question]** What then, was the situation of Jesus' brothers and their faith in him?

**[Question]** What two Bible writers were his fleshly brothers?

**2· Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary, and his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? (Matthew 13:55)**

**[Question]** What caused many in his home territory to stumble over Jesus?

**3· However, it was reported to him; Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you. (Luke 8:20)**

**[Question]** What was Jesus told, while teaching within Peter's house to a large crowd?

**4· But when his relatives heard about it, they went out to lay hold of him, for they were saying; He has gone out of his mind. (Mark 3:21)**

**[Question]** How did Jesus' relatives feel about him, early in his ministry to Israel?

**5· I have become one estranged to my brothers, and a foreigner to the sons of my mother. (Psalms 69:8)**

**[Question]** How did the Psalms show, how the Messiah would be viewed by his own family?

**6· Now his mother and brothers came toward him, but they were unable to get to him, because of the crowd. (Luke 8:19)**

**[Question]** Why could Jesus' mother and brothers, not even get close to him on one occasion?

**7· With one accord all these were persisting in prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus,**

**and with his brothers. (Acts of Apostles 1:14)**

**[Question]** Who were there on Pentecost, and what were they persisting in?