Christ's Words on the Cross: Family

John 19:26-27

The Three Marys

• Jesus had followers besides the 12, including

◦His <u>mother</u>

oHis <u>aunt</u>

And Mary <u>Magdalene</u>

• Who Jesus had driven 7 demons out of (Mark 16:9, Luke 8:2)

The Lonely Disciple

- Of all the disciples only one is mentioned as being present at Jesus' crucifixion o"The disciple whom He <u>loved</u>" (John 13:23; 19:26; 21:7, 20)
 - John himself

The Request

- To Mary: Look on this boy as your son
- To John: Look on this woman as your mother
- Was this simply showing Jesus' concern for Mary and/or John?

Jesus' Heart (Mark 3:31-35)

- Jesus came to make us part of one <u>family</u>
 <u>God's family</u>
- By calling John and Mary to look after one another, Jesus called them family
- We are family:
 - oBecause we have the same Father
 - oBecause we have the same Brother

So What?

- Are you a part of God's family?
- Do we find our identity here?
- Do we care for each other like family?

Meditation Verse: Mark 3:35