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38. Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, “Teacher, we want to **see a sign** from You.”

39. But He answered and said to them, “An **evil** and **adulterous** generation craves for a sign; ...

39. ...and yet no sign will be given to it but the **sign of Jonah** the prophet;

40. for just as JONAH WAS **THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER**, so will the Son of Man be **three days** and three nights in the heart of the earth.

41. “The men of Nineveh will stand up with **this generation** at the judgment, and will condemn it because **they repented** at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, **something greater** than Jonah is here.

42. “The Queen of the South will rise up with **this generation** at the judgment and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth **to hear the wisdom** of Solomon; and behold, **something greater** than Solomon is here.

43. “Now when the **unclean spirit** goes out of a **man**, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and does not find it.

44. “Then it says, ‘I will return to **my house** from which I came’; and when it comes, it finds it **unoccupied**, swept, and put in order.

45. “Then it goes and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. That is the way it will also be with this evil generation.”

46. While He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His **mother** and **brothers** were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him.

47. Someone said to Him, “Behold, **Your mother** and **Your brothers** are standing outside seeking to speak to You.”

48. But Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?”

49. And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, “Behold My mother and My brothers!

50. “For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother.”



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