

*Bonds of Blood,
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Jesus' Redefinition of Family*

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Empathizing w/ his natural family? (**excluded**)

Included w/in the massive crowd?

Beside an **integrated, unapologetic, calm** Jesus?

More of an **onlooker**, watching it all unfold?



Not peace, but a sword?

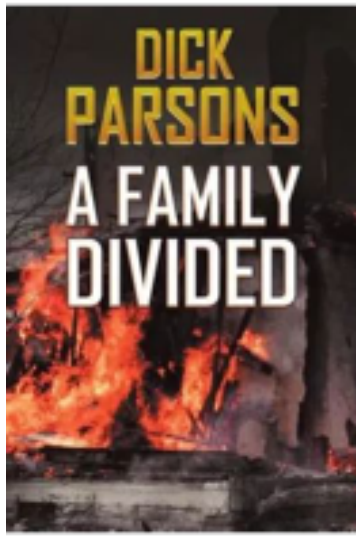
Matthew 10:34-37

34 “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. **35** For I have come to turn

“a man against his father, a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

36 a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

37 “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.



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what about that concept of Corban?

Mark 7:11-12

11 But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God) 12then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother.

What IS the way in which Jesus would respond?

A very well-respected pastor in Boston scandalized the community by insisting that his church family was of higher priority to him than his extended family.

His equation: ***Church family > extended family.***

A detailed, cinematic view of a post-apocalyptic city street. The scene is set during a dramatic sunset or sunrise, with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the scene. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, some of which are illuminated from below by the sun. The city buildings are tall, multi-story structures that appear heavily damaged and abandoned. Some windows are missing, and the facades are dark and textured. In the foreground, the street is overgrown with tall, yellowish-brown grass. Several old, rusted cars are parked or abandoned along the street. In the middle ground, there are several large, cylindrical metal barrels or drums. A large, faded billboard is visible on the right side of the street, featuring a circular logo and some illegible text. The overall atmosphere is one of desolation and the aftermath of a catastrophic event.

Raise your hand if you or someone close to you has said:

“This year has felt
APOCALYPTIC”

Pandemic Fatigue



restlessness after months of changes

extreme mood swings, HIGH/LOW energy, more anger or irritability than normal, loss of sleep, appetite

HOME used to be a peaceful refuge → working more + can't escape. ***Boundaries change... and change again***

Anxiety, uncertainty - across the board.

Social graces:

we're all that much
more AWKWARD? :)

Zoom Vs. In-Person:

Expressions of good
will MUTED -- Can't
see your LAUGH +
SMILE!



Try to set aside 30-60 minutes **doing something that makes you happy DAILY.**

(hence the breakout room question)

“Stay connected with family and friends with video calls. But even that should be done in moderation.”

...because what if family **adds** stress?

Luke 2:48

His mother said to him, **“Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”**

49 “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. **“Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”** **50** But they did not understand what he was saying to them.



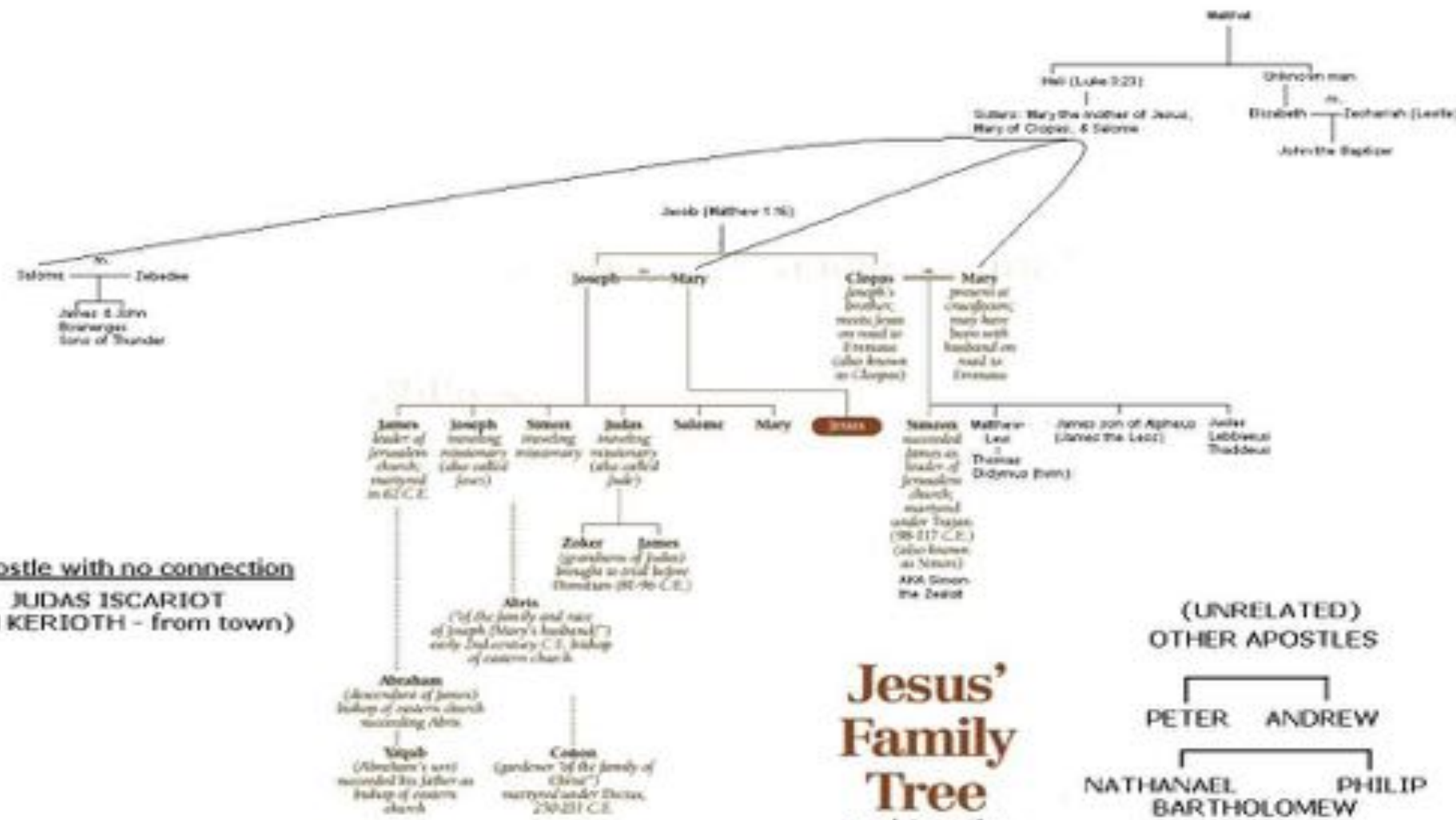
Sometimes family doesn't agree

JOHN 7:3

Jesus' brothers said to him,... **4 No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret.**

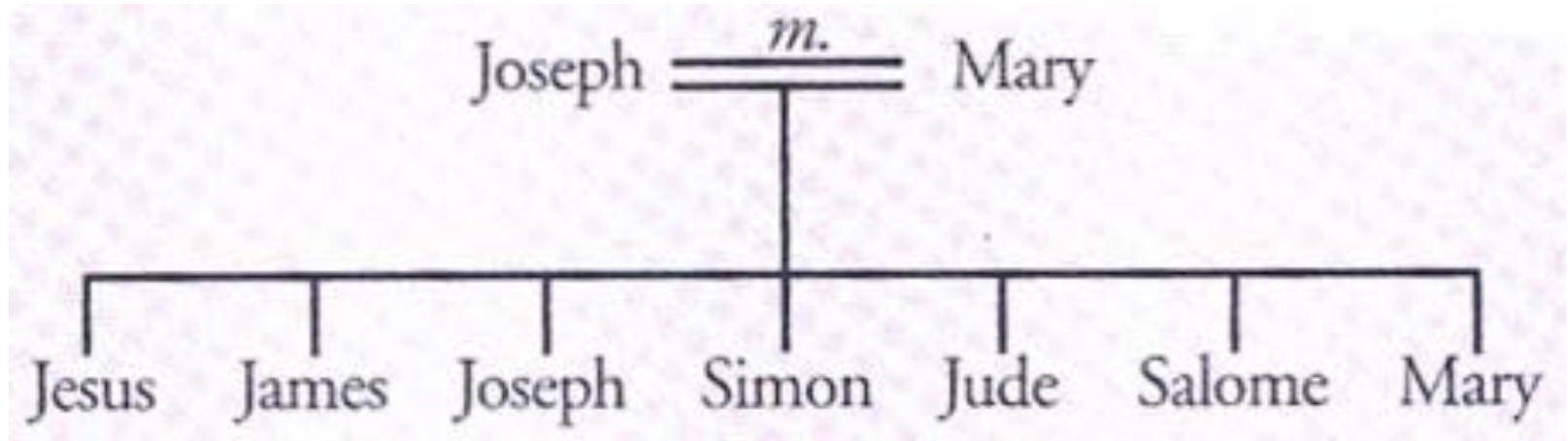
Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world." **5 For even his own brothers did not believe in him.**





Apostle with no connection
JUDAS ISCARIOT
 (ISH KERIOTH - from town)

Jesus' NATURAL family



A large, dense crowd of people, likely a biblical scene, filling the background. The people are dressed in traditional, simple clothing, and the setting appears to be a dry, hilly landscape under a clear sky.

MIA JOHNSON

Mark 3:20-21

20 Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. **21** When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

John 4 - after Jesus interacts w Samaritan Woman




31 Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

32 But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

33 Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”

34 “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.



**For whoever does the will of my
heavenly Father is my brother,
and sister, and mother.- Jesus
(Matthew 12:50)**

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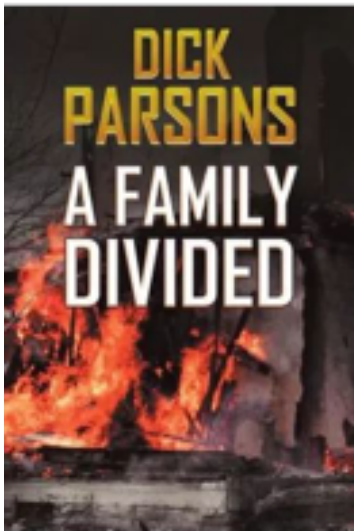
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15 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

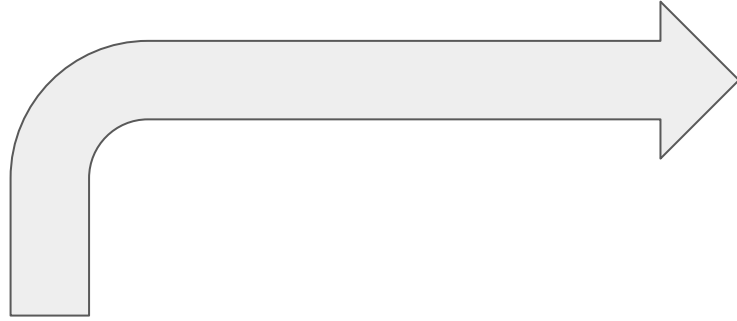


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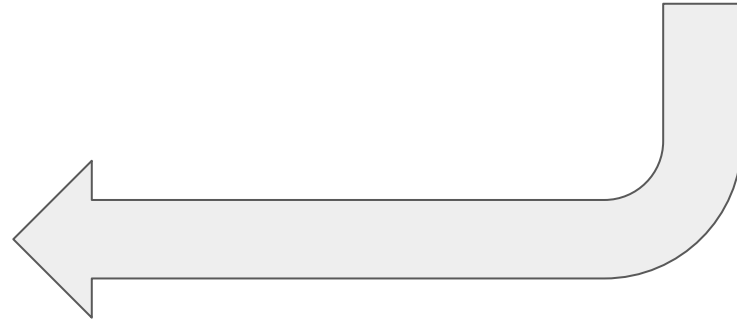
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Orchard Valley is a family of families... (15+ ways we've been blessed!)

“How did you find OVCC?”

- Family
- But also: college friends, coworkers, tennis buddies, elementary school classmates!

Multiple Davids, multiple Johnsons...

3 sets of “Mark + Tina” (staff, cousins, co-leads!)

→ **None of us are Jewish in origin or background; we've all been grafted into the Family of God**



MARRIAGE

When people have COMMON aims, principles, interests, goals → sometimes, they become KIN.

a HUGE example of Spiritual Family → Natural Family



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EVEN AS WE'RE GOING ORANGE

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We speak of all men as being sons of God -- yes... and God loves all (saints and sinners)... yet the deepest kind of sonship is ETHICALLY conditioned. It is when a person puts his will in line with God's will by the help of the Holy Spirit -- that real kinship begins.

from commentary by Barclay

What Happened To Jesus' Mother?

Psalm 22 -

1 "My God, my
God,

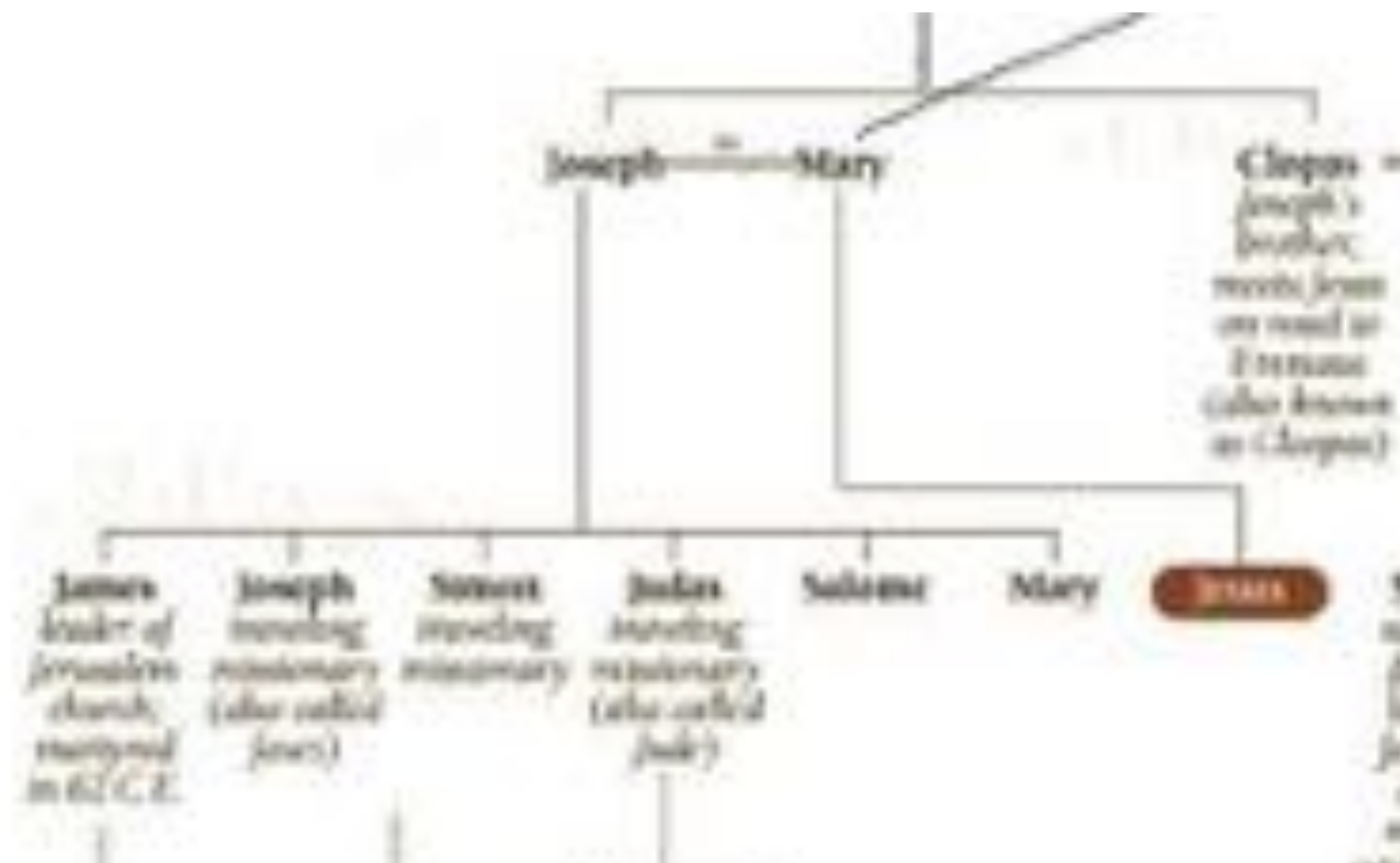
why have you
forsaken
me?" ...



9 "Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God."

John 19:25-27



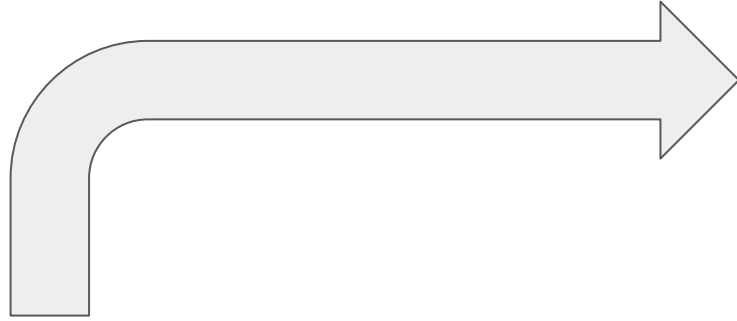


What happened to Jesus' brothers?

Acts 1:14 - Jesus' Family Comes to Believe

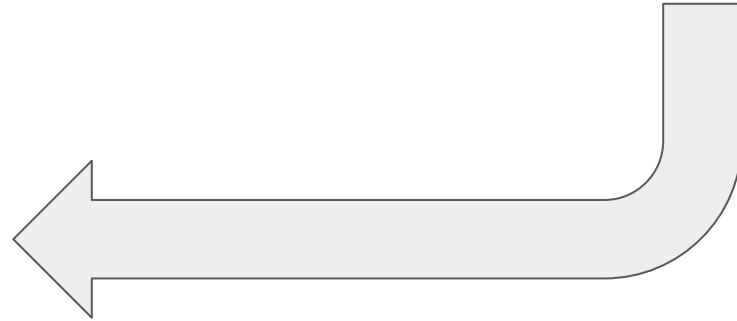
14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

- James - leader of the Jerusalem Church (Acts 12:17) - martyred in 62 CE
 - Wrote Epistle of James
 - **1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,**
- Jude/Judas - travelling missionary
 - Wrote Epistle of Jude
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When you give yourself to Christ, you become part of a family whose boundaries are the earth.



Invitation to
Join the Family of God

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A screenshot of a Zoom meeting grid showing 20 participants in a 4x5 layout. The participants are represented by small video thumbnails. Some thumbnails are labeled with names: "Melissa Dwan...", "The Dwan...", "Michelle...", "Julia...", "S", and "Dan...". The bottom of the screen shows the Windows taskbar with various application icons.

A screenshot of a Google Slides presentation. The slide title is "Bonds of Blood, Bonds of Love: Texas' Redefinition of Family" in red cursive font, with the date "June 8-19-21" below it. The slide is displayed in a presentation window with a toolbar at the top and a sidebar on the left. The sidebar shows a thumbnail of the current slide and a "Speaker notes" section with the text "Click to add speaker notes". The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom of the slide window.