

Mary: Blessed Among Women

1. How does Mary express with remarkable grace how she has been blessed by God in Luke 1:48?
2. The author states, “While acknowledging that Mary was the most extraordinary of women” what other caution does he offer?
3. Does Scripture ever identify Mary as a “dispenser of grace”? Who is the “fountain of grace” according to Psalm 72:17?
4. Did Mary have any original sin? Is she a mediator between God and Man? Are we to worship or pray to Mary?
5. What response does Scripture give us for worship outside of God or Jesus in Revelation 19:10?
6. What was Jesus’ response when some people showed undue reverence to Mary because of her role as His mother in Luke 11:27-28?
7. Did Mary remain a “perpetual virgin”? What does Matthew 13:55 and Matthew 1:25 say about this possibility?
8. How does the author sum up the Scripture’s description of Mary on the top of page 110?

Mary’s Heritage

9. How many of the women we have studied so far in this study were part of Mary’s ancestry?
10. After comparing her to Hannah, how does the author describe Mary’s faith on page 111

11. What Hebrew name is Mary the equivalent with?
12. Did Mary have a sister? See John 19:25.
13. How long would Mary's betrothal to Joseph and her engagement period have lasted according to her Jewish tradition and culture?
14. The author points out that during this time, the couple's betrothal would be considered as binding as the marriage itself. And that they would live separately from one another and have no physical relations whatsoever. According to kiddushin, what was this to demonstrate?
15. How does Luke 1:28-35 describes Mary's encounter with the angel?
16. What does the author point out would be the cost for the privilege of being the one through whom the Redeemer would come?
17. How does Luke 1:38 express Mary's unconditional surrender the likely scandal that would come from others over the lack of understanding of God's purpose in her life?
18. What does Matthew 1:20-21 say dissuaded Joseph from seeking a divorce?

Mary's Response of Worship

19. Elizabeth's immediate response to the sound of Mary's voice gave Mary independent confirmation of all that the angel had told her. What was it according to Luke 1:41-45?
20. What was Mary's prophetic reply? In Latin it is called the Magnificat. What does this word mean?
21. What other parts of Scripture are included in Mary's expression from her heart? Mention several of them.

22. Who is the only one that Mary magnifies in her exultation?

23. What attributes of God does Mary praise the Lord for?

Her Relationship to Her Son

24. Jesus Himself explicitly repudiated the notion that Mary's earthly authority over Him as His mother entitled her to manage any aspect of His saving work. What were these two occasions?

25. How did Jesus show respect for His mother during these instances?

26. What message did Jesus send again to His family members in Mark 3:31-35?

The Sword that Pierced Her Soul

27. When was the day that Mary first understood a "sword would pierce her soul" as well (Luke 2:34-35)?

28. When or what was that day?

29. On page 125, How does the author describe Mary quietly watching her Son die, while others were screaming wicked taunts and insults at Him?

30. The author writes, although Mary was standing by during Christ's suffering "even that was merely a public show of support. Mary's personal suffering did not represent any kind of participation in His atoning work. Nor did He need her aid as any kind of "co-redemptrix" or "co-mediatrix." How does 1 Timothy 2:5 state this?

31. How does John 19:26-27 describe Jesus coming to the aid of Mary?

32. What does the author mean when he asserts, "That act epitomizes Mary's relationship with her firstborn Son"?
33. After Jesus' death, Mary appears only once more in the Bible. What is the occasion in Acts 1:14?
34. What, does the author insist, "is truly regrettable that religious superstition has, in effect..." done to Mary?