

Things You Need to Know About **MARY**

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There are at least two Mary's in the world. The Bible Mary, and the Roman Catholic Mary. There is probably a third, a make-believe Mary that even Rome denies, but we will direct our attention to the first two. And let us begin at the beginning:

The BIBLE's MARY

Luke 3:23. Matthew 1:16 Mary descended from David, and as all humans, therefore, conceived in sin

Matthew 1:18, betrothal

Luke 1:26-38, announcement and response:

Hail, a common greeting, as James 1:1 Chair, happy etc.

Full of grace, charit-o: to grace, endue with honor, as Noah found grace and Eph 1:6, made us accepted

Luke 1:39-56, the Elizabeth incident.

Blessed are you among women. But see Judges 5:24 she was blessed!

"mother of my Lord" That Lord is Jesus, fully a man because of Mary. Fully God because of the father. Mary was a willing servant, carrying Jesus

ROME's MARY

Immaculately conceived, see Jones, *Roman Catholicism* pp102-103. Logic? Piety of the people. Babylonian tradition, 264-65 of Hislop

Same

Mary is being praised!

Mary is sinless, near-God status

Mary is super holy and to be honored above all others

Mary is the Mother of GOD, near Deity herself, to be honored for her actions.

Matthew 1:18,20. Jesus' birth, a true immaculate conception. Seed of woman made holy by Spirit of God overshadowing.

Called virgin birth. Actually also the virgin conception. A conception without a man present.

Matthew 1:23 A virgin shall CONCEIVE and BEAR...

Luke 2:1-7 The birth story

"church of the holy nativity" built up around supposed birth sight, perpetuates almost mythical Jesus.

Luke 2:8-20. The shepherds. Nothing in the speech or conduct of shepherds points to Mary. Whenever they are together HE receives the glory! While all are marveling, Mary is pondering

Luke 2:25-35. Simeon. Joseph and Mary EQUAL in their marveling. Spoke to Mary, since Joseph was not a parent. Sword will pierce your heart. Reference to crucifixion of Christ, losing Son in His prime.

Gives rise to sacred heart devotion

Matthew 2, Luke 2 Jesus taken with mother to Egypt, in Nazareth by age 2, 10 years pass.

Mythical stories arise

Luke 2:41-51. Jesus in temple. Mary always referred to as His Mother
-she doesn't know He's gone
-she is anxious and worried
-she doesn't understand what "the Father's business" is
She is an ordinary young mother caught up in something eternal, who struggles like the rest of us to figure it out

Matthew 1:25. Joseph did not have sexual relations with Mary UNTIL Jesus was born.

Joseph did not have sexual relations with Mary. Ever. See Jones 107 -but, brothers and sisters, 2 of whom gave us Scriptures. Adelpios, not anepsios, cousin, as in Col. 4:12

John 2:1-12 Cana/wedding. Mother "there". Jesus invited. She has picked up on his connection to God. "they have no wine."
-what have I to do with you! Don't try to push me into the unveiling of God's plan. It is not time.
-whatever He says, do

Mary is above Jesus for all practical purposes. She takes people to herself, lifts herself up. Build me a shrine. Listen to and repeat my messages. Build statues to me. Pray rosaries to me. Big mama, little baby. This is not the Bible's Mary.

Matthew 12:46-50, Mark 3:31-35, Luke 8:19-21. The first synoptic story of Mary! Jesus' chance to glorify her! NO! -who is my mother? A. whoever does the will of my father! B. whoever hears the word of God and does it!

Matthew 13:55, Mark 6:3, John 6:42. The second Mary reference in the Synoptics. Jews are astonished. Who is this Jesus? His mother is MARY! His BROTHERS are James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas. His sisters....

John 19:25-27. At the cross. Mary, John is your new Son. He'll care for you now. (His brothers did not believe yet. Joseph is gone. John's home is good atmosphere of faith.)

Mary, look at me. John, Mary is the mother of the church.

Matthew 27:56-61. Mark 15:40-47 Not mentioned at funeral. Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph.

Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1-9, Luke 24:10. Not at resurrection? "Other Mary" is not His mother. John and apostles are laying low! Mary Magdalene steals the show here!

Acts 1:14. With the apostles, received Spirit like the others, as one of many new believers. THEN she understood. The sword is HEALED here! No special honor afforded her. No sending. No titles.

END OF BIBLICAL TESTIMONY,
but not END OF ROME's



She not only received the Spirit but was also the source of that Spirit for the apostles

The Queen of Heaven, from a faulty interpretation of revelation 12. See Genesis 37:9. And Jeremiah 44:17

Her ascension: see Jones, 124. Taken from paganism.

Co-redemptrix, co-mediator. These titles only belong to Jesus.

Intercessor. Only Jesus. Jones 114 & 119. And prayer to dead is forbidden.

Catholic Prayer Book, 236 ff. offices of Jesus. No basis in Scripture!

In the words of Mary we end this search. Whatever HE says to you , do. Perhaps some of the greatest wisdom in Scripture. He says NOTHING about prayers to Mary, elevating Mary, having days and months set aside to Mary. He does tell us not to pray to the dead, not to have anyone before Him, and that anyone who loves God's Word is on a par with His mother. 'Nuff said.