

Mary – the Mother of Jesus

Points to consider

1. Mary during the birth of Jesus
2. Mary during the ministry of Jesus
3. Mary during the death of Jesus

Mary during the birth of Jesus

Luke 1:26-33

Mary was a _____ young lady who was betrothed to a just man.

Gabriel told her twice that she was _____ by God.

The angel and Elizabeth both say that Mary was _____ among women.

Gabriel told her that she was going to have a son who would fulfill the promise that God made to David.

Luke 1:34-38

After the angel gave the details on how God was going to fulfill His promise, she agreed to let _____ will be done.

Luke 1:46-50

Mary recognized that _____ generations would call her blessed.

Luke 2:6-7 ; Luke 2:17-20

Mary _____ what the shepherds told her. They told her that her son would bring great joy, He would be a deliver, and He was the Messiah.

Luke 2:27-32; Luke 2:33-35

Joseph and Mary both _____ at the things Simeon prophesied about their son.

God informs Mary that her Son's rejection and death would feel like a _____ running through her own soul.

Luke 2:47-52

Mary was _____ at the teaching of her son.

Mary reprimanded Jesus for what He put them through.

Mary kept thinking about Jesus' teaching and His response to her when He said, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

Mary had a very _____ understanding of exactly who her Son was. She was still pondering, thinking, and trying to make sense of everything.

Mary during the ministry of Jesus

John 2:1-12 - At this point, we discover that Mary knows her son has special powers and abilities.

We also see additional _____ that she had limited insight into God's plan for her son. Jesus told her that His time had not yet come.

Matt 12:46-50

Jesus takes the _____ off His physical family and places it on His spiritual family. The people who do the will of His Father truly belong to His family.

Matt 13:57 and John 7:1-9 tell us that His brothers did _____ believe in Him. This must have been difficult for Mary.

Mary during the death of Jesus

John 19:25-27

Mary witnessed the _____ death of her son.

Mary is _____ listed in any of the gospels as one of the women who brought spices to prepare His body on the first day of the week.

Acts 1:12-14

After the apostles see Jesus ascend into heaven, they follow His instructions and return to Jerusalem until they receive the Holy Spirit. Mary is mentioned as one of the disciples ready to carry out the _____ her Son gave the apostles: to spread His story. From this point on Mary fades away and the message of her Son continues to _____.

Lessons from Mary's life

- God needs righteous people whom He can use to carry out His plan. God's story isn't the story of Abraham, David, or Mary. It was always about Jesus!
- God doesn't choose people to do great things based on the prominence or wealth of their families.
- You don't have to have complete knowledge to please God. Just have faith in His plan.
- Moms hurt when her children hurt.
- Mary's influence over Jesus followed the natural path that God intended. She is prominent at His birth and His adolescence but gradually she fades into the background of His story.
- Mary, like John the Baptist, knew that she must decrease, and Jesus must increase.