

# Following the Faith of Mary – Mother of Jesus

Luke 1:45 Blessed is she who believed

**MARY** — Little is known of her personal history. Her genealogy is given in Luke 3. She was of the tribe of Judah and the lineage of David (Ps. 132:11; Luke 1:32). Mary was connected by marriage with Elisabeth, who was of the lineage of Aaron (Luke 1:36).

## False teachings about Mary:

- \*She cannot make intercession for us
- \*She did not have perpetual virginity – contrary to post-NT Mariology. Galatians 1:19 says Jesus had a brother – James (Mark 6:3 mentions other siblings also)



Luke 1:28-38 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

<sup>29</sup> But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.

<sup>30</sup> Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

<sup>31</sup> "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus.

<sup>32</sup> "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

<sup>33</sup> "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup> Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

<sup>36</sup> "Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.

<sup>37</sup> "For with God nothing will be impossible."

<sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:41-55 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup> Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. <sup>45</sup> Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said:

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

<sup>48</sup> For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

<sup>49</sup> For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name.

<sup>50</sup> And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup> He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly.

<sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy,

<sup>55</sup> As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever."



After three months Mary returned to Nazareth to her own home. Joseph was supernaturally made aware (Matt. 1:18–25) of her condition, and took her to his own home. Soon after this the decree of Augustus (Luke 2:1) required that they should proceed to Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), some 80 or 90 miles from Nazareth; and while they were there they found shelter in the inn or khan provided for strangers (Luke 2:6, 7). But as the inn was crowded, Mary had to retire to a place among the cattle, and there she brought forth her son, who was called Jesus (Matt. 1:21), because he was to save his people from their sins.

In Luke the couple travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem for a Roman census, where Mary gives birth (2:1-7), and angels and shepherds pay homage (2:8-20).



In Matthew Mary and Joseph are in Bethlehem at the birth, in a home where Mary and the child are found by wise men from the east, bringing precious gifts (2:1-13).

Joseph takes Mary and Jesus to Egypt to escape Herod's slaughter of male children, eventually to settle in Nazareth (2:12-23). There for 30 years, Mary, the wife of Joseph the carpenter, resides, filling her own humble sphere, and pondering over the strange things that had happened to her. During these years only one event in the history of Jesus is recorded, i.e., his going up to Jerusalem at 12 years of age and being found among the doctors in the temple (Luke 2:41-52). Probably also during this period Joseph died, for he is not again mentioned.

After the commencement of our Lord's public ministry, little notice is taken of Mary. She was present at the marriage in Cana. A year and a half after this we find her at Capernaum (Matt. 12:46, 48, 49), where Christ uttered the memorable words, "Who is my mother? And who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!" The next time we find her is at the cross along with her sister Mary, Mary Magdalene, Salome and other women (John 19:26). From that hour John took her to his own abode.

Luke also includes her among the women disciples praying in the upper room with the twelve disciples (Acts 1:14), and so also as one who received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, as she did at Jesus' conception (Luke 1:35; Acts 2:1-4). From this time she wholly disappears from public notice. The time and manner of her death are unknown.

### Follow Mary as she followed Christ in ...

- Faith
- Trust
- Obedience

Luke 8:21 But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."

**"Have you been obedient to the calling and leading of God to you directly and from His written word?"**

- Humility
- Continuing to follow Jesus

Acts 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Luke 2:33-35 And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him.

<sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against

<sup>35</sup> "(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."



**Mary was with Jesus in birth and death on earth  
She will be with Him for eternity in heaven**

### Romans 10:9-13

<sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ... <sup>13</sup> For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

