

## **THE FAITH OF MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS**

### **LUKE 1-2**

Mary (and many other women) hold a very special place in the scriptures and in the life of Jesus. The portrayal of Mary and her Son Jesus in the movie “the Passion of the Christ” is quite moving. It shows her faith, her suffering, and her beautiful humanity.

To be privileged to see what her eyes saw and to hear what she heard - to be the human mother to the Son of God - how incredible! She stands as an example of faith among believers and followers throughout history. She treasures truth, embraces obedience, and humbly serves the One who made her.



#### **Luke 1:26-38**

Mary was probably a teen-aged woman. What emotions would she have felt? What would she have had to endure? How important is her experience with Gabriel in preparing her for what was to take place? What do you learn about her faith? her maturity as a person?

#### **Luke 1:39-56**

What kinds of things were happening and how did they encourage her? What is her cousin's view of Mary? What do you make of John the Baptist and Jesus' interaction en-utero? Mary's song reveals her heart. What do you learn about her experience at this point?

#### **Luke 2:15-20**

What is Mary's response to these remarkable events? What particulars do you suppose were reported and what do you think was communicated by way of emotions?

#### **Matthew 12:46-50**

Why do you think Jesus' family shows up at this point? What place does Jesus' human family play in His spiritual Kingdom? Does this appear harsh to you? How do you think His family received it? As a non-family member, how does this make you feel?

#### **John 19:23-27**

How do you think Jesus felt about His mother? What is He communicating about her as He dies? What do you think was going through her mind? Why do you think He gave this responsibility to John the apostle?

*Mary is a wonderful woman of faith. The Scriptures (and the Jewish people) honored women, probably more than any other historical culture. We can look at her life a see an up-close portrait of love, devotion, motherhood, suffering, faith, and ultimate hope!*

*My conclusions from this study...*

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