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(Ma'ry) [from the Hebrew Miriam, possibly meaning Rebellious]

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• **Mary** the mother of Jesus. She was the daughter of Heli, though the genealogy given by Luke lists Mary's husband Joseph as the son of Heli. Says **McClintock and Strong's Cyclopaedia** [#881, Vol. III, p. 774]:

• **In constructing their genealogical tables, it is well known that the Jews reckoned wholly by males, rejecting, where the blood of the grandfather passed to the grandson through a daughter, the name of the daughter herself, and counting that daughters husband for the son of the maternal grandfather.**

• **Now Zelophehad the son of Hopher proved to have no sons, but daughters, and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah. (Numbers 26:33)**

• **Why should the name of our father be taken away from the midst of his family because he had no son? O give us a possession in the midst of our father's brothers. (Numbers 27:4)**

• **At that Moses presented their case before Yehowah. (Numbers 27:5)**

• **Yehowah then said this to Moses. (Numbers 27:6)**

• **The daughters of Zelophehad are speaking right. By all means you should give them the possession of an inheritance in the midst of their father's brothers, and you must cause their fathers inheritance to pass to them. (Numbers 27:7)**

• **It is undoubtedly for this reason the historian Luke says that Joseph was the son of Heli.**

• **Furthermore, Jesus himself, when he commenced his work, was about thirty years old, being the son, as the opinion was, of Joseph, son of Heli. (Luke 3:23)**

- **Mary** was of the tribe of Judah and a descendant of David. Hence it could be said of her son Jesus that he sprang from the seed of David according to the flesh.
- Concerning his Son, who sprang from the seed of David according to the flesh. (**Romans 1:3**)
- Through his adoptive father Joseph, a descendant of David, Jesus had a **legal** right to David's throne, and through his mother, as the **offspring, seed, and root** of David, he held the natural **hereditary** right to the throne of **David his father**.
- The book of the history of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham. (**Matthew 1:1**)
- Abraham became father to Isaac. Isaac became father to Jacob. Jacob became father to Judah and his brothers. (**Matthew 1:2**)
- Judah became father to Perez and to Zerah by Tamar. Perez became father to Hezron. Hezron became father to Ram. (**Matthew 1:3**)
- Ram became father to Amminadab. Amminadab became father to Nahshon. Nahshon became father to Salmon. (**Matthew 1:4**)
- Salmon became father to Boaz by Rahab. Boaz became father to Obed by Ruth. Obed became father to Jesse. (**Matthew 1:5**)
- Jesse became father to David the king. David became father to Solomon by the wife of Uriah. (**Matthew 1:6**)
- Solomon became father to Rehoboam. Rehoboam became father to Abijah. Abijah became father to Asa. (**Matthew 1:7**)
- Asa became father to Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat became father to Jehoram. Jehoram became father to Uzziah. (**Matthew 1:8**)
- Uzziah became father to Jotham. Jotham became father to Ahaz. Ahaz became father to Hezekiah. (**Matthew 1:9**)
- Hezekiah became father to Manasseh. Manasseh became father to Amon. Amon became father to Josiah. (**Matthew 1:10**)

- **Josiah became father to Jeconiah and to his brothers at the time of the deportation to Babylon. (Matthew 1:11)**
- **After the deportation to Babylon Jeconiah became father to Shealtiel. Shealtiel became father to Zerubbabel. (Matthew 1:12)**
- **Zerubbabel became father to Abiud. Abiud became father to Eliakim. Eliakim became father to Azor. (Matthew 1:13)**
- **Azor became father to Zadok. Zadok became father to Achim. Achim became father to Eliud. (Matthew 1:14)**
- **Eliud became father to Eleazar. Eleazar became father to Matthan. Matthan became father to Jacob. (Matthew 1:15)**
- **Jacob became father to Joseph the husband of **Mary**, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. (Matthew 1:16)**
- **This one will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and Yehowah God will give him the throne of David his father. (Luke 1:32)**
- **And after removing him, he raised up for them David as king, respecting whom he bore witness and said; I have found David the son of Jesse, a man agreeable to my heart, who will do all the things I desire. (Acts of Apostles 13:22)**
- **From the offspring of this man according to his promise God has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. (Acts of Apostles 13:23)**
- **Remember that Jesus Christ was raised up from the dead and was of David's seed, according to the Good News I preach. (2 Timothy 2:8)**
- **But one of the elders says to me; Stop weeping. Look! The Lion that is of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has conquered so as to open the scroll and its seven seals. (Revelation 5:5)**
- **I, Jesus, sent my angel to bear witness to you people of these things for the congregations. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright morning star. (Revelation 22:16)**

- If tradition is correct, Heli's wife, the mother of **Mary**, was Anna, whose sister had a daughter named Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptizer.
- This tradition would make Elizabeth the cousin of **Mary**. That **Mary** was related to Elizabeth, who was from the daughters of Aaron of the tribe of Levi, the Scriptures themselves state.
- In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there happened to be a certain priest named Zechariah of the division of Abijah, and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. (**Luke 1:5**)
- And, look! Elizabeth your relative has also herself conceived a son, in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her, the so-called barren woman. (**Luke 1:36**)
- **Mary's** sister, some have thought, was Salome, the wife of Zebedee, whose two sons, James and John, were numbered among Jesus apostles.
- Moreover, many women were there viewing from a distance, who had accompanied Jesus from Galilee to minister to him. (**Matthew 27:55**)
- Among whom was **Mary Magdalene**, also **Mary** the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. (**Matthew 27:56**)
- There were also women viewing from a distance, among them **Mary Magdalene** as well as Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome. (**Mark 15:40**)
- So when the Sabbath had passed, **Mary Magdalene**, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices in order to come and grease him. (**Mark 16:1**)
- By the torture stake of Jesus, however, there were standing his mother and the sister of his mother, **Mary** the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. (**John 19:25**)

·· **Visited By Angel**

- About the end of **3 B.C.E**, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to the virgin girl **Mary** in the town of Nazareth. Good day, highly favored one, Yehowah is with you, was the angels most unusual greeting.
- In her sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent forth from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth. (**Luke 1:26**)
- To a virgin promised in marriage to a man named Joseph of David's house, and the name of the virgin was **Mary**. (**Luke 1:27**)
- And when he went in before her he said; Good day, highly favored one, Yehowah is with you. (**Luke 1:28**)
- But she was deeply disturbed at the saying and began to reason out what sort of greeting this might be. (**Luke 1:29**)
- So the angel said to her; Have no fear, **Mary**, for you have found favor with God. (**Luke 1:30**)
- And, look! You will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you are to call his name Jesus. (**Luke 1:31**)
- This one will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and Yehowah God will give him the throne of David his father. (**Luke 1:32**)
- And he will rule as king over the house of Jacob forever, and there will be no end of his kingdom. (**Luke 1:33**)
- But **Mary** said to the angel; How is this to be, since I am having no intercourse with a man? (**Luke 1:34**)
- In answer the angel said to her; Holy spirit will come upon you, and power of the Most High will overshadow you. For that reason also what is born will be called holy, God's Son. (**Luke 1:35**)
- And, look! Elizabeth your relative has also herself conceived a son, in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her, the so-called barren woman. (**Luke 1:36**)
- Because with God no declaration will be an impossibility. (**Luke 1:37**)

- Then **Mary** said; Look! Yehowah's slave girl! May it take place with me according to your declaration. At that the angel departed from her. (**Luke 1:38**)
- To strengthen her faith further for this momentous experience, **Mary** was told that her relative Elizabeth, in her old age, was already six months pregnant, because the miraculous power of Yehowah had removed her barrenness.
- **Mary** paid her a visit, and when she entered Elizabeth's home the infant in Elizabeth's womb leaped with joy, whereupon she congratulated Mary, saying;
- And, look! Elizabeth your relative has also herself conceived a son, in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her, the so-called barren woman. (**Luke 1:36**)
- Because with God no declaration will be an impossibility. (**Luke 1:37**)
- So **Mary** rose in these days and went into the mountainous country with haste, to a city of Judah. (**Luke 1:39**)
- And she entered into the home of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. (**Luke 1:40**)
- Well, as Elizabeth heard the greeting of **Mary**, the infant in her womb leaped, and Elizabeth was filled with Holy Spirit. (**Luke 1:41**)
- And she called out with a loud cry and said; Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! (**Luke 1:42**)
- So how is it that this privilege is mine, to have the mother of my Lord come to me? (**Luke 1:43**)
- For, look! As the sound of your greeting fell upon my ears, the infant in my womb leaped with great gladness. (**Luke 1:44**)
- Happy too is she that believed, because there will be a complete performance of those things spoken to her from Yehowah. (**Luke 1:45**)

- Thereupon **Mary** broke forth in inspired words magnifying Yehowah for his goodness.
- And **Mary** said; My soul magnifies Yehowah. (**Luke 1:46**)
- And my spirit cannot keep from being overjoyed at God my Savior. (**Luke 1:47**)
- Because he has looked upon the low position of his slave girl. For, look! From now on all generations will pronounce me happy. (**Luke 1:48**)
- Because the powerful One has done great deeds for me, and holy is his name. (**Luke 1:49**)
- And for generations after generations his mercy is upon those who fear him. (**Luke 1:50**)
- He has performed mightily with his arm, he has scattered abroad those who are haughty in the intention of their hearts. (**Luke 1:51**)
- He has brought down men of power from thrones and exalted lowly ones. (**Luke 1:52**)
- He has fully satisfied hungry ones with good things and he has sent away empty those who had wealth. (**Luke 1:53**)
- He has come to the aid of Israel his servant, to call to mind mercy. (**Luke 1:54**)
- Just as he told to our forefathers, to Abraham and to his seed, forever. (**Luke 1:55**)
- After a visit of about three months with Elizabeth in the Judean hills, **Mary** returned to Nazareth.
- Then **Mary** remained with her about three months, and returned to her own home. (**Luke 1:56**)
- When it came to Joseph's notice, likely through disclosure of the matter to him by **Mary**, that she was pregnant, he intended to divorce her secretly rather than expose her to public shame. Engaged persons

were viewed as married, and a divorce was required to dissolve the engagement.

- But Yehowah's angel appeared, revealing to Joseph that what had been begotten in her was by Holy Spirit. Joseph thereupon complied with the divine instruction and took **Mary** as his wife, but he had no intercourse with her until she gave birth to a son, and he called his name Jesus.

- But the birth of Jesus Christ was in this way. During the time his mother **Mary** was promised in marriage to Joseph, she was found to be pregnant by Holy Spirit before they were united. (**Matthew 1:18**)

- However, Joseph her husband, because he was righteous and did not want to make her a public spectacle, intended to divorce her secretly. (**Matthew 1:19**)

- But after he had thought these things over, look! Yehowah's angel appeared to him in a dream, saying; Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take **Mary** your wife home, for that which has been begotten in her is by Holy Spirit. (**Matthew 1:20**)

- She will give birth to a son, and you must call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. (**Matthew 1:21**)

- All this actually came about for that to be fulfilled which was spoken by Yehowah through his prophet, saying; (**Matthew 1:22**)

- Look! The virgin will become pregnant and will give birth to a son, and they will call his name Immanuel, which means, when translated, **With Us Is God**. (**Matthew 1:23**)

- Then Joseph woke up from his sleep and did as the angel of Yehowah had directed him, and he took his wife home. (**Matthew 1:24**)

- But he had no intercourse with her until she gave birth to a son, and he called his name Jesus. (**Matthew 1:25**)

•• **Bears Jesus In Bethlehem**

- As this drama continued to unfold, the decree of Caesar Augustus, compelling everyone to register in the town of his origin,

proved providential in its timing, for the prophecy concerning Jesus birthplace had to be fulfilled.

- **And you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, the one too little to get to be among the thousands of Judah, from you there will come out to me the one who is to become ruler in Israel, whose origin is from early times, from the days of time indefinite. (Micah 5:2)**
- **Accordingly, Joseph took **Mary**, who was heavy with child, on the strenuous journey of about 150 kilometers (93 miles) from their home in Nazareth in the North to Bethlehem in the South.**
- **Because there was no place for them in the lodging room, the birth of the child took place under most humble conditions, with the newborn babe being laid in a manger. This occurred probably about **October 1** of the year **2 B.C.E.****
- **Now in those days a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus for all the inhabited earth to be registered. (Luke 2:1)**
- **This first registration took place when Quirinius was governor of Syria. (Luke 2:2)**
- **And all people went traveling to be registered, each one to his own city. (Luke 2:3)**
- **Of course, Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to David's city, which is called Bethlehem, because of his being a member of the house and family of David. (Luke 2:4)**
- **To get registered with **Mary**, who had been given him in marriage as promised, at present heavy with child. (Luke 2:5)**
- **While they were there, the days came to the full for her to give birth. (Luke 2:6)**
- **And she gave birth to her son, the firstborn, and she bound him with cloth bands and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the lodging room. (Luke 2:7)**

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- **After hearing the angel say; There was born to you today a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, in David's city, shepherds hastened to Bethlehem and there found the sign; **Mary's** babe bound in cloth bands and lying in a manger.**
- **They related to the happy family what the great angelic chorus had sung; Glory in the heights above to God, and upon earth peace among men of goodwill. So **Mary** began to preserve all these sayings, drawing conclusions in her heart.**
- **There were also in that same country shepherds living out of doors and keeping watches in the night over their flocks. (Luke 2:8)**
- **And suddenly Yehowah's angel stood by them, and Yehowah's glory gleamed around them, and they became very fearful. (Luke 2:9)**
- **But the angel said to them; Have no fear, for, look! I am declaring to you Good News of a great joy that all the people will have. (Luke 2:10)**
- **Because there was born to you today a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, in David's city. (Luke 2:11)**
- **And this is a sign for you, you will find an infant bound in cloth bands and lying in a manger. (Luke 2:12)**
- **And suddenly there came to be with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God and saying; (Luke 2:13)**
- **Glory in the heights above to God, and upon earth peace among men of goodwill. (Luke 2:14)**
- **So when the angels had departed from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another; Let us by all means go clear to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which Yehowah has made known to us. (Luke 2:15)**
- **And they went with haste and found **Mary** as well as Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. (Luke 2:16)**
- **When they saw it, they made known the saying that had been spoken to them concerning this young child. (Luke 2:17)**

- **And all that heard marveled over the things told them by the shepherds. (Luke 2:18)**
- **But **Mary** began to preserve all these sayings, drawing conclusions in her heart. (Luke 2:19)**
- **Then the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all the things they heard and saw, just as these had been told them. (Luke 2:20)**
- **On the eighth day **Mary** had her son circumcised in obedience to Yehowah's law. On the 40th day she and her husband brought the child to the temple in Jerusalem to make the prescribed offering.**
- **The Law required the sacrifice of a young ram and a young pigeon or a turtledove. If the family could not afford the sheep, two turtledoves or two young pigeons were to be offered.**
- **That Joseph was a man of poor financial means is indicated by the fact that **Mary** offered either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.**
- **Now when eight days came to the full for circumcising him, his name was also called Jesus, the name called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. (Luke 2:21)**
- **Also, when the days for purifying them according to the Law of Moses came to the full, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to Yehowah. (Luke 2:22)**
- **Just as it is written in Yehowah's Law: Every male opening a womb must be called holy to Yehowah. (Luke 2:23)**
- **And to offer sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of Yehowah: A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. (Luke 2:24)**
- **And Yehowah went on to speak to Moses, saying; (Leviticus 12:1)**
- **Speak to the sons of Israel, saying; In case a woman conceives seed and does bear a male, she must be unclean seven days, as in the days of the impurity when she is menstruating she will be**

unclean. (**Leviticus 12:2**)

- **And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin will be circumcised. (**Leviticus 12:3**)**
- **For thirty-three days more she will stay in the blood of purification. She should not touch any holy thing, and she should not come into the holy place until the fulfilling of the days of her purification. (**Leviticus 12:4**)**
- **But if she cannot afford enough for a sheep, she must then take two turtledoves or two young pigeons, one for a burnt offering and one for a sin offering, and the priest must make atonement for her, and she must be clean. (**Leviticus 12:8**)**
- **Simeon, a righteous man, upon seeing the child, praised Yehowah for having allowed him to behold the Savior before dying in his old age. Turning to **Mary**, he said,**
- **Yes, a long sword will be run through the soul of you yourself, not meaning that she would be pierced with a literal sword, but, rather, indicating the pain and suffering she would undergo in connection with her sons foretold death on a torture stake.**
- **And, look! There was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was righteous and reverent, waiting for Israel's consolation, and Holy Spirit was upon him. (**Luke 2:25**)**
- **Furthermore, it had been divinely revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Christ of Yehowah. (**Luke 2:26**)**
- **Under the power of the spirit he now came into the temple, and as the parents brought the young child Jesus in to do for it according to the customary practice of the Law. (**Luke 2:27**)**
- **He himself received it into his arms and blessed God and said. (**Luke 2:28**)**
- **Now, Sovereign Lord, you are letting your slave go free in peace according to your declaration. (**Luke 2:29**)**
- **Because my eyes have seen your means of saving. (**Luke 2:30**)**

- That you have made ready in the sight of all the peoples. (**Luke 2:31**)
- A light for removing the veil from the nations and a glory of your people Israel. (**Luke 2:32**)
- And its father and mother continued wondering at the things being spoken about it. (**Luke 2:33**)
- Also, Simeon blessed them, but said to **Mary** its mother: Look! This one is laid for the fall and the rising again of many in Israel and for a sign to be talked against (**Luke 2:34**)
- Yes, a long sword will be run through the soul of you yourself, in order, that the reasonings of many hearts may be uncovered. (**Luke 2:35**)

.. Returns To Nazareth

- Sometime later, an angel warned Joseph of a plot by Herod the Great to kill the young child, and he instructed Joseph to flee with Jesus to Egypt.
- After Jesus had been born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, look! Astrologers from eastern parts came to Jerusalem. (**Matthew 2:1**)
- Saying; Where is the one born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when we were in the east, and we have come to do him obeisance. (**Matthew 2:2**)
- At hearing this King Herod was agitated, and all Jerusalem along with him. (**Matthew 2:3**)
- And on gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people he began to inquire of them where the Christ was to be born. (**Matthew 2:4**)
- They said to him; In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is how it has been written through the prophet. (**Matthew 2:5**)
- And you, O Bethlehem of the land of Judah, are by no means the most insignificant city among the governor's of Judah, for out of you will come forth a governing one, who will shepherd my

people, Israel. (**Matthew 2:6**)

- Then Herod secretly summoned the astrologers and carefully ascertained from them the time of the stars appearing. (**Matthew 2:7**)
- And, when sending them to Bethlehem, he said; Go make a careful search for the young child, and when you have found it report back to me, that I too may go and do it obeisance. (**Matthew 2:8**)
- When they had heard the king, they went their way, and, look! the star they had seen when they were in the east went ahead of them, until it came to a stop above where the young child was. (**Matthew 2:9**)
- On seeing the star they rejoiced very much indeed. (**Matthew 2:10**)
- And when they went into the house they saw the young child with **Mary** its mother, and, falling down, they did obeisance to it. They also opened their treasures and presented it with gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. (**Matthew 2:11**)
- However, because they were given divine warning in a dream not to return to Herod, they withdrew to their country by another way. (**Matthew 2:12**)
- After they had withdrawn, look! Yehowah's angel appeared in a dream to Joseph, saying; Get up, take the young child and its mother and flee into Egypt, and stay there until I give you word, for Herod is about to search for the young child to destroy it. (**Matthew 2:13**)
- So he got up and took along the young child and its mother by night and withdrew into Egypt. (**Matthew 2:14**)
- And he stayed there until the decease of Herod, for that to be fulfilled which was spoken by Yehowah through his prophet, saying; Out of Egypt I called my son. (**Matthew 2:15**)
- Then Herod, seeing he had been outwitted by the astrologers, fell into a great rage, and he sent out and had all the boys in Bethlehem and in all its districts done away with, from two years

- of age and under, according to the time that he had carefully ascertained from the astrologers. (**Matthew 2:16**)
- Then that was fulfilled which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying; (**Matthew 2:17**)
 - A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and much wailing. It was Rachel weeping for her children, and she was unwilling to take comfort, because they are no more. (**Matthew 2:18**)
 - After the death of Herod, the family returned and settled in Nazareth, where, during the ensuing years, **Mary** bore other children, at least four sons as well as daughters.
 - When Herod had deceased, look! Yehowah's angel appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt (**Matthew 2:19**)
 - And said; Get up, take the young child and its mother and be on your way into the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the soul of the young child are dead. (**Matthew 2:20**)
 - So he got up and took the young child and its mother and entered into the land of Israel. (**Matthew 2:21**)
 - But hearing that Archelaus ruled as king of Judea instead of his father Herod, he became afraid to depart for there. Moreover, being given divine warning in a dream, he withdrew into the territory of Galilee. (**Matthew 2:22**)
 - And came and dwelt in a city named Nazareth, that there might be fulfilled what was spoken through the prophets; He will be called a Nazarene. (**Matthew 2:23**)
 - Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called **Mary**, and his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? (**Matthew 13:55**)
 - And his sisters, are they not all with us? Where, then, did this man get all these things? (**Matthew 13:56**)
 - This is the carpenter the son of **Mary** and the brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon, is it not? And his sisters are here with us, are they not? So they began to stumble at him. (**Mark 6:3**)

- **Though the Law did not require women to attend, it was **Mary's** custom to accompany Joseph year by year on the trek of about 150 kilometers (93 miles) to Jerusalem for the annual Passover celebration.**
- **On three occasions in the year every male of yours will appear before the face of the true Lord, Yehowah. (**Exodus 23:17**)**
- **Three times in the year every male of yours is to appear before the true Lord, Yehowah, the God of Israel. (**Exodus 34:23**)**
- **On one of these trips, in about **12 C.E.**, the family was returning home when, after going a day's distance from Jerusalem, they discovered that the boy Jesus was missing.**
- **His parents immediately returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple listening to and questioning the teachers. **Mary** exclaimed:**
 - **Child, why did you treat us this way? Here your father and I in mental distress have been looking for you. Jesus replied; Why did you have to go looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in the house of my Father? Certainly the logical place for God's Son to be found was the temple, where he could receive Scriptural instruction. **Mary** carefully kept all these sayings in her heart.**
- **Now his parents were accustomed to go from year to year to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. (**Luke 2:41**)**
- **And when he became twelve years old, they went up according to the custom of the festival (**Luke 2:42**)**
- **And completed the days. But when they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, and his parents did not notice it. (**Luke 2:43**)**
- **Assuming that he was in the company traveling together, they covered a day's distance and then began to hunt him up among the relatives and acquaintances. (**Luke 2:44**)**
- **But, not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem, making a diligent search for him. (**Luke 2:45**)**
- **Well, after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the**

midst of the teachers and listening to them and questioning them. (Luke 2:46)

- But all those listening to him were in constant amazement at his understanding and his answers. (Luke 2:47)
- Now when they saw him they were astounded, and his mother said to him; Child, why did you treat us this way? Here your father and I in mental distress have been looking for you. (Luke 2:48)
- But he said to them; Why did you have to go looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in the house of my Father? (Luke 2:49)
- However, they did not grasp the saying that he spoke to them. (Luke 2:50)
- And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and he continued subject to them. Also, his mother carefully kept all these sayings in her heart. (Luke 2:51)
- This 12-year-old boy Jesus displayed brilliant learning for his age. All those listening to him were in constant amazement at his understanding and his answers.
- But all those listening to him were in constant amazement at his understanding and his answers. (Luke 2:47)
- Jesus knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures reflected fine parental training. **Mary** as well as Joseph must have been very diligent in teaching and training the child, bringing him up in the discipline and mental-regulating of Yehowah and cultivating in him appreciation of the custom of attending the synagogue every Sabbath.
- And he came to Nazareth, where he had been reared, and, according to his custom on the Sabbath day, he entered into the synagogue, and he stood up to read. (Luke 4:16)
- And you, fathers, do not be irritating your children, but go on bringing them up in the discipline and mental-regulating of Yehowah. (Ephesians 6:4)

·· Respected, Loved By Jesus

- **After his baptism, Jesus did not show special favoritism toward **Mary**, he addressed her, not as mother, but simply as woman.**
- **But Jesus said to her; What have I to do with you, woman? My hour has not yet come. (John 2:4)**
- **Therefore Jesus, seeing his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing by, said to his mother; Woman, see! Your son! (John 19:26)**
- **This was in no sense an expression of disrespect, as might be understood from modern-day English usage. In German, for example, the word used in this way denotes madam, Mrs., lady.**
- ****Mary** was Jesus mother according to the flesh, but since his spirit-begetting at the time of his baptism, he was primarily God's spiritual Son, his mother being the Jerusalem above.**
- **But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. (Galatians 4:26)**
- **Jesus laid emphasis on this fact when **Mary** and her other children on one occasion interrupted Jesus during a teaching session by asking him to come outside where they were. Jesus let it be known that really his mother and close relatives were those of his spiritual family, that spiritual matters take precedence over fleshly interests.**
- **While he was yet speaking to the crowds, look! His mother and brothers took up a position outside seeking to speak to him. (Matthew 12:46)**
- **So someone said to him; Look! Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak to you. (Matthew 12:47)**
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- Now his mother and his brothers came, and, as they were standing on the outside, they sent in to him to call him. (**Mark 3:31**)
- As it was, a crowd was sitting around him, so they said to him; Look! Your mother and your brothers outside are seeking you. (**Mark 3:32**)
- But in reply he said to them; Who are my mother and my brothers? (**Mark 3:33**)
- And having looked about upon those sitting around him in a circle, he said; See, my mother and my brothers! (**Mark 3:34**)
- Whoever does the will of God, this one is my brother and sister and mother. (**Mark 3:35**)
- Now his mother and brothers came toward him, but they were unable to get to him because of the crowd. (**Luke 8:19**)
- However, it was reported to him; Your mother and your brothers are standing outside wanting to see you. (**Luke 8:20**)
- In reply he said to them; My mother and my brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it. (**Luke 8:21**)
- When the wine ran out at a wedding in Cana of Galilee and **Mary** said to Jesus, They have no wine, he responded; What have I to do with you, woman? My hour has not yet come.
- Now on the third day a marriage feast took place in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. (**John 2:1**)
- Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the marriage feast. (**John 2:2**)
- When the wine ran short the mother of Jesus said to him; They have no wine. (**John 2:3**)
- But Jesus said to her; What have I to do with you, woman? My hour has not yet come. (**John 2:4**)
- Jesus here used an ancient form of question that occurs eight times in the Hebrew Scriptures.

- **Or if it was not rather out of anxious care for something else that we did this, saying; In a future day your sons will say to our sons; What do you have to do with Yehowah the God of Israel? (Joshua 22:24)**
- **Then Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the sons of Ammon, saying; What do I have to do with you, seeing that you have come against me to fight in my land? (Judges 11:12)**
- **But the king said; What do I have to do with you men, you sons of Zeruah? Thus let him call down evil, because Yehowah himself has said to him, Call down evil upon David! So who should say; Why did you do that way? (2 Samuel 16:10)**
- **But David said; What do I have to do with you men, you sons of Zeruah, that you should become today a resister of me? Will anyone today be put to death in Israel? For do I not well know that today I am king over Israel? (2 Samuel 19:22)**
- **At this she said to Elijah; What do I have to do with you, O man of the true God? You have come to me to bring my error to mind and to put my son to death. (1 Kings 17:18)**
- **And Elisha proceeded to say to the king of Israel; What do I have to do with you? Go to the prophets of your father and to the prophets of your mother. But the king of Israel said to him; No, for Yehowah has called these three kings to give them into the hand of Moab. (2 Kings 3:13)**
- **At that he sent messengers to him, saying; What do I have to do with you, O king of Judah? It is not against you that I am coming today, but it is against another house that my fight is and that God himself said that I should cause disturbance. Refrain for your own sake because of God, who is with me, and do not let him bring you to ruin. (2 Chronicles 35:21)**
- **Ephraim will say; What do I have to do any longer with the idols? I myself shall certainly give an answer and I shall keep looking on him. I am like a luxuriant juniper tree. From me must fruit for you be found. (Hosea 14:8)**
- **And six times in the Greek Scriptures.**

- **And, look! They screamed, saying; What have we to do with you, Son of God? Did you come here to torment us before the appointed time? (Matthew 8:29)**
- **Saying; What have we to do with you, Jesus you Nazarene? Did you come to destroy us? I know exactly who you are, the Holy One of God. (Mark 1:24)**
- **And, when he had cried out with a loud voice, he said; What have I to do with you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I put you under oath by God not to torment me. (Mark 5:7)**
- **Ah! What have we to do with you, Jesus you Nazarene? Did you come to destroy us? I know exactly who you are, the Holy One of God. (Luke 4:34)**
- **At the sight of Jesus he cried aloud and fell down before him, and with a loud voice he said; What have I to do with you, Jesus Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me. (Luke 8:28)**
- **But Jesus said to her; What have I to do with you, woman? My hour has not yet come. (John 2:4)**
- **Literally translated, the question is; What to me and to you? meaning, What is there in common between me and you? or, What do I and you have in common? or, What have I to do with you?**
- **In every instance where it is used, the question indicates an objection to the thing suggested, proposed, or suspected. Jesus, therefore, lovingly couched his gentle reproof in this form, indicating to his mother that his direction came not from her but from the Supreme Authority who had sent him.**
- **But I want you to know that the head of every man is the Christ, in turn the head of a woman is the man, in turn the head of the Christ is God. (1 Corinthians 11:3)**
- **Mary's sensitive and humble nature was quick to catch the point and accept the correction. Stepping back and letting Jesus take the lead, she remarked to the attendants; Whatever he tells you, do.**
- **His mother said to those ministering; Whatever he tells you, do. (John 2:5)**

- **Mary** was standing alongside the torture stake when Jesus was impaled. To her, Jesus was more than a beloved son, he was the Messiah, her Lord and Savior, the Son of God. **Mary** was apparently a widow by now.
- Consequently, Jesus, as the firstborn of Joseph's household, discharged his responsibility by asking the apostle John, likely his cousin, to take Mary to his home and look after her as his own mother.
- Therefore Jesus, seeing his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing by, said to his mother; Woman, see! Your son! (**John 19:26**)
- Next he said to the disciple; See! Your mother! And from that hour on the disciple took her to his own home. (**John 19:27**)
- Why did Jesus not entrust her to one of his own half brothers? It is not stated that any of them were present. Furthermore, they were not yet believers, and Jesus considered the spiritual relationship more important than the fleshly.
- His brothers were, in fact, not exercising faith in him. (**John 7:5**)
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·· **A Faithful Disciple**

- The last Biblical notice of **Mary** shows her to be a woman of faith and devotion still closely associated with other faithful ones after the

ascension of Jesus. The 11 apostles, **Mary, and others were assembled in an upper chamber, and with one accord all these were persisting in prayer.**

- **So, when they had entered, they went up into the upper chamber, where they were staying, Peter as well as John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the zealous one, and Judas the son of James. (Acts of Apostles 1:13)**
- **With one accord all these were persisting in prayer, together with some women and **Mary** the mother of Jesus and with his brothers. (Acts of Apostles 1:14)**