

Mary, the Innocent Luke 1:26-38

Scriptural references to Mary

Annunciation by the Angel Gabriel, Luke 1:26-38

Meeting with Elizabeth, cousin, Luke 1:39-56 *Magnificat*

Birth, Temple, and Nazareth, Matthew 2:18-25, 2:1-23, and Luke 2:1-40

Jesus 12 years old at Temple, Luke 2:41-52

Genealogy of Mary, Luke 3:23-38

Wedding at Cana, John 2:1-5

Jesus in ministry, Matthew 12:46-50, Mark 3:31-35, and Luke 8:19-21

At the Cross, John 19:25-27

Prayer in the Upper Room, Acts 1:14

Later Church Teachings about Mary

Mother of God

4 & 5th Century

Council of Ephesus in 431 AD, Nestorius and *Christ Bearer* title condemned.

Mother of God and mediator role between Christ and believers as found in John 2, Cana wedding

Perpetual virginity

Epiphonian view (382 AD), Brothers and sister of Jesus were Joseph's children to an earlier marriage.

Hieronymian view, named for Jerome (383 AD), brothers and sisters were cousins.

Official Roman Catholic Dogma, Pope Paul IV (4th) in 1555 AD, Mary remained a virgin before, during and after Jesus' birth.

Most Protestant view: Virgin birth refers to Immaculate Conception

Matthew 1:18, "before"

Matthew 1:25, "until"

Luke 2:7, "first-born" title for Jesus.

Mary's sinless nature

Augustine, 354-430 AD, first theologian to declare Mary free from actual sin.

Later discussions throughout the centuries about freedom from original sin.

Official Roman Catholic dogma, Pope Pius IX (9) in 1854 AD, Mary was preserved from all stain of original sin at the instant of her conception.

Bodily Assumption

Discussions seen in later 4th Century.

Assumption—Mary was miraculously transported, body and soul, to heaven by Jesus.

Feast of Assumption set on August 15, by Pope Pius XII (12) in 1950.

Pope Pius XII left open whether or not Mary died before Assumption.

1. I

The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. —Luke 1:28-29

Mary found favor with God.

But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God" —Luke 1:30

Noah—*"But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord."* —Genesis 6:8

Daniel—*"Do not be afraid, O man highly esteemed," he said, "Peace! Be strong now; be strong."* —Daniel 9:23, 10:11, 10:19

All believers—*"To the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves."* —Ephesians 1:6

2. R

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." —Luke 1:38

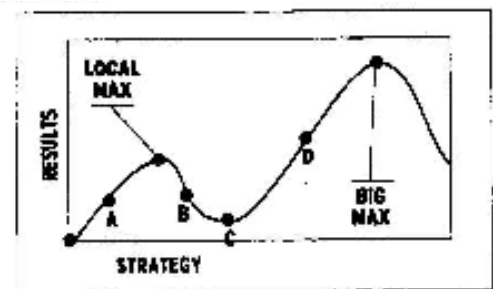
What is God calling you to do that you cannot do on your own strength and ability?
Will you let God do it in and through you?

3. C Grace

"And a sword will pierce your own soul too." —Luke 2:35

4. G Blessings

They all joined together in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers." —Acts 1:14



Are you willing to allow God to work through you?
Are you willing to invite the Lord into your life? To take control of your life?

Memory Verse:

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