

Mary a Faithful Servant

Introduction: The bible has several examples of the depth of a Mother's love and commitment to her children. Whether it is Jochebed, the mother of Moses, Hannah, the mother of Samuel, or the unnamed mother that would rather give up her child than have him killed, a mother's love for her children is a unique love that God gives for her children. Today we will look at the life of another special mother in the bible. Mary, the mother of Jesus. Although wrongly considered divine by some, Mary was uniquely chosen by God to bring forth the greatest gift to mankind. Jesus the savior of the world.

1. Who was Mary?
 - a. She was a virgin Jewish Girl probably 14 years old.
 - b. She was betrothed to Joseph a Jewish carpenter.
 - c. She was an "ordinary" young woman.
 - d. She had the extraordinary privilege of being a mother.
2. Why did God choose Mary?
 - a. Mary trusted God and his word. Lk. 1:38
 - b. Mary worshipped God. Lk. 1:46-49
 - c. Mary feared God. Luke 1:50 Prov. 31:30
 - d. Mary put her faith into action. Lk. 2:22-23
3. Mary was honored by her Children.
 - a. Jesus obeys his parents. Lk. 2:51
 - b. Jesus turns water into wine. Jn. 2:3-5
 - c. Jesus is concerned for his Mother while on the cross. Jn. 19:25-27
 - d. Early church writers say that John took Mary to Ephesus where he cared for her until the end of her life.
4. Lessons from the life of Mary.
 - a. There is no such thing as an "ordinary" mother.
 - b. God chose you to be a mother.
 - c. Mothers are to be honored.