

INTRODUCTION

1. **Everything in the Scripture points to Christ.** (Lk 24:27, 44-45; Jn 5:39; 2 Tim 3:16)

2. **Jesus is the Only Perfect Man.** (Rom 3:10, 23; Heb 4:15)

3. **Jesus perfectly expresses the mind and heart of God.** (Isa 7:14; Mat 1:23; Jn 1:14, 18; 6:38; 12:49; 14:10)

4. **Jesus is God's answer to the cries of broken women.**

Mary the Mother of Jesus

(Lk 1:26-55; 2:41-52; 8:19-21; Mat 12:46-50; Jn 2:1-12; 19:26-27)

- I. **MARY, THE MOTHER OF OUR LORD** (Lk 1:41-45)—“the Blessed Mother”
 - A. **The Son of God was born of a Woman.** (Lk 1:35)
 1. **The Humility of God**

 2. **The Value of the Human Body**

 3. **The Dignity of Women**

 - B. **The Virgin Birth is a sign of His Deity.** (Isa 7:14; Mat 1:18-25; Lk 1:32, 34-35)

II. MARY, THE DAUGHTER OF EVE (Gen 3:15)

A. Mary received and helped to fulfill the promise of a Savior given through Eve.

B. Mary is not the Savior; she *gave birth* to the Savior.

III. MARY, AN EXAMPLE FOR THE CHURCH (Jn 19:25-27)

A. She followed Jesus. (Jn 19:25)—with the other women at the cross

B. She pointed others to Jesus. (Jn 2:1-12)—do whatever He says

C. She was committed to the Church. (Acts 1:14)—presence, prayers, support

CONCLUSIONS: (Mat 10:37; 12:46-50/ Lk 8:19-21; Lk 11:27)

1. Jesus is (by far) more important than any other person.

2. Our loyalty and commitment to the Kingdom of God must come before even our love of family.