

INTRODUCTION

Foretold in prophecy: (Isaiah 7:14) "Behold, a virgin shall conceive ... "

Mary is a blessed woman among women who fulfilled the prophecy.

1. A BETHROTHED MARY (Luke 1:26-31)

Gabriel announces to Mary that she is God's choice to be the mother of Jesus.

(Matt. 1:18-25) Mary was "espoused" to Joseph, "betrothed," and Joseph receives an angelic announcement, too.

2. A MOTHERING MARY (Luke 2:7, v19)

3. A REPROVING MARY (PARENT) (Luke 2:41-51)

(v48) "Son, why have you thus dealt with us? ... sought you sorrowing."

As parents, they felt anxiety when Jesus was missing, and relief when found.

4. AN AMBITIOUS MARY (John 2:1-12)

(v3) "the mother of Jesus said to him, They have no wine" - prodding him to do something.

(v4) "Mine hour is not yet come" - but Jesus does something, "the beginning of miracles"

5. AN INTERRUPTING MARY (Mark 3:31-35)

In the presence of his mother and brethren, Jesus teaches about spiritual kinship required by "whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven ... "

6. A COMFORTED MARY (John 19:25-27)

7. A PRAYING MARY (Acts 1:14)

The last view we have of Mary is "in prayer and supplication" with other followers of Jesus.

Mary is not mentioned in the letters to the churches or Revelation; there is no command or example in the Bible for us to worship her, pray to or through her, idolize her; nor is there a Bible title such as "queen of heaven" or "mother of God."

CLOSE - (Luke 11:27-28) "... but he said, Yea, rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it."