**R902\_Rumination for May 8, 2022** (*Mother’s Day*)

The **T**heme: **A Mother Named Mary** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: ***M****ary the* ***M****other of Jesus*… Acts 1:14

The **T**hots:

Today is **Mother’s Day.** There are three “**M**ary” **M**others in Scripture that we would like to consider for today,

1. **Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Acts 1:14**
2. Mary and Jesus’ **C**onception.
3. She **C**on**ceived** Jesus as a **V**irgin –
4. As **P**rophesied – She **S**ubmitted to the **W**ill of God, the Father. Isa. 7:14 cf. Mt. 1:22, 23
*Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.*
5. As **P**redicted – She **S**urrendered to the **W**ay of God, the Holy Spirit

*For that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.* Matt. 1:20, NKJV

1. As **P**ractised –

She **S**ubjected herself to the **W**ish of her husband to give birth to God, the Son. Matt. 1:25, *NRSV*[Joseph]*had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son, and he named Him Jesus.*

1. Her **C**hild Re**ceived** **V**eneration – she did not! Matt. 2:11

 *When* [the wise men] *…saw the young Child with Mary His mother,* [they]…*fell down,*

 *and* ***worshipped Him****: and when they had opened their treasures, they* ***presented unto Him*** *gifts;*

 *gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.*

1. She **C**ircumcised and **V**alidated Jesus on the eighth day as required by the Law. Lk. 2:21

*When eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the Child, His name was called JESUS.*

1. Mary and Jesus’ **C**ommitment to His Ministry

 (Mary only mentioned 4 more times after the **C**ommencement of Jesus’ ministry.)

1. When Jesus **C**ommenced His ministry at the Marriage at **C**ana. Jn. 2:1-4
2. Jesus **W**ithdrew Himself from her authori**ty** – Jn. 2:4

*Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come.*

1. Jesus **W**as given His Rightful Priori**ty** – Jn. 2:5

*His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it*.

1. When Jesus **C**ommitted Himself to His new Relationships at **C**apernaum: Jn. 2:12; Matt 12:49-50

*He stretched forth His hand toward His disciples, and said, Behold My mother and My brethren!*

1. When Jesus was **C**rucified, He **C**ommended His mother to John: Jn. 19:25-27

*Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother…when Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple standing by, whom He loved, He saith unto His mother, Woman, behold thy son!*

1. When Mary **C**ontinued in the **C**ompany of Jesus’ Disciples after His Ascension: Acts 1:14

*These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women,*

*and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brethren.*

* **L**essons to be **L**earned from Mary’s Relationship with **C**hrist:
* She **A**cclaimed her **S**on’s **S**upernatural **A**ttributes. See #2a above
* She **A**cknowledged her **S**on’s **A**uthority. See #2a above
* She **A**djusted herself to her **S**on’s new **S**piritual Relationships. See #2b above
* She **A**ccepted her **S**on’s **A**ffection. See #2c above.
* She **A**ccompanied her **S**on’s “brethren” in **A**ssembly Fellowship. See #2d above.

1. **Mary, the Mother of James and Joses. Mt. 27:55-56;**
2. She Ministered to and **R**emained with Jesus from Beginning to end of His Ministry. Mk. 15:40

*Many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:*

*Among which was…****Mary the mother of James and Joses****, and the mother of Zebedee's children.*

1. She **R**eturned to the tomb to anoint Jesus’ Body on the First Day of the Week. Mk. 16:1

*When the sabbath was past…Mary the mother of James…had bought sweet spices* [to] *anoint Him.*

1. She and other women **R**emembered what Jesus had told them about His Death and Resurrection and **R**elated what they saw to the other apostles. Lk. 24:8-11
* Mary was Faithful to the Lord from the Beginning, ministered to Him to the end, and witnessed to others.
1. **Mary, the Mother of John Mark. Acts 12:12**

*He* [Peter] *came to the house of* ***Mary the mother of John****, whose surname was* ***M****ark;*

1. She **H**ad a **H**ome and used it to **S**how **H**ospitality to the **S**aints – *many were gathered together praying.*
2. She had a **S**on, John Mark who later **S**erved with **P**aul and Barnabas. Acts 12:25

*Barnabas and Saul…when they had fulfilled their ministry…took with them John…Mark.*

1. She was the **S**ister of Barnabas – *Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas****.* Col. 4:10**
Barnabas took Mark into his ministry and built him up when Paul rejected him. Acts 15:37, 39

Later Paul was to take **M**ark back when he **M**atured! II Tim. 4:11

 *Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.*

* Mary was known for **H**er **H**ome **H**ospitality! See #C1 above.
* Mary was a **S**ister to Barnabas who Helped her **S**on to return to **S**erve the Lord. See #C2, 3 above

 *Like as a mother comforteth O words of gentle worth!* Cf. Isa. 66:13

 *So will I comfort you, declares The Lord of all the earth.* [Will­iam M. Run­yan](http://www.hymntime.com/tch/bio/r/u/n/y/runyan_wm.htm)

**Reflections for the Week R. 902**

1. Following are lessons that a Mother can learn from the three “Mary” Mothers in Scripture as discussed above.

 Lessons to be Learned from…

1. **Mary, the Mother of Jesus** and her Relationship with Christ.
* She Acclaimed her Son’s Supernatural Attributes. See #2a above
* She Acknowledged her Son’s Authority. See #2a above
* She Adjusted herself to her Son’s new Spiritual Relationships. See #2b above
* She Accepted her Son’s Affection. See #2c above.
* She Accompanied her Son’s “*brethren*” in Assembly Fellowship. See #2d above.
1. **Mary, the Mother of James and Joses**

Mary was Faithful to the Lord from the Beginning, ministering to Him to the end,

and witnessing to others after His Resurrection. See #B1-3

1. **Mary, the Mother of John Mark**.
* Mary was known for Her Home Hospitality! See #C1 above.
* Mary was the Sister of Barnabas who Helped her Son to return to Serve the Lord.

 See #C2, 3 above

What are the lessons you can learn for yourself in the actions you will take to be a

God-glorifying and Christ-honouring Mother to your Children, other Christians, and the Community you live in based on what you have learned from the “*Mary*”-Mothers above? **REFLECT**

1. God holds up a Mother as an exemplary model who comforts her child.

Like such a Mother, God will comfort Israel and His people too –

Isaiah 66:13 – *As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you;*

 *and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.*

What is the Role Model you are expected to play as a Mother to your children

for Him to use you to reflect His Love for His own people? **REFLECT**

**POINTS TO PONDER:** *God* ***C****omforts His* ***C****hildren as a Mother Hers!*

***A BLESSED MOTHER’S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS!***

*MAY THE COMPANIONSHIP AND CARE OF GOD, THE FATHER,*

*BE YOUR COMFORT THIS DAY.*

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