

# Marian Bible Study



~~May 6~~

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May 27



# Let's start with a prayer

## Sub Tuum Praesidium ("Beneath Your Protection")

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God;  
Despise not our petitions in our necessities,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.  
Amen.

The prayer is an early form of the *Memorare* that dates to the third century, before the Council of Ephesus declared Mary as the Mother of God.



# Topical Outline



In May, we will look at 4 Marian Dogmas:

- ✓ Divine Motherhood
- Perpetual Virginity**
- Immaculate Conception
- The Assumption



# Marian Identity



Mary is....

- Daughter of God the Father
- Mother of God the Son
- Spouse of the Holy Spirit
- Eschatological Dimension

Gen 3:15 *“And I will establish a feud between thee and the woman, between thy offspring and hers; she is to crush thy head, while thou dost lie in ambush at her heels.”*





# Gospel of Luke (Ch.1)

**28** Into her presence the angel came, and said, **Hail, thou who art full of grace**; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women.

**29** She was much perplexed at hearing him speak so, and cast about in her mind, what she was to make of such a greeting.

**30** Then the angel said to her, Mary, do not be afraid; thou hast found favour in the sight of God.

**31** And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call him Jesus.

**32** He shall be great, and men will know him for the Son of the most High; the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he shall reign over the house of Jacob eternally;

**33** his kingdom shall never have an end.

**34** But Mary said to the angel, How can that be, since I have no **knowledge of man**?

**35** And the angel answered her, The Holy Spirit will come upon thee, and the power of the most High will **overshadow** thee. Thus this holy offspring of thine shall be known for the Son of God.

**36** See, moreover, how it fares with thy cousin Elizabeth; she is old, yet she too has conceived a son; she who was reproached with barrenness is now in her sixth month,

**37** to prove that nothing can be impossible with God.

**38** And Mary said, Behold the **handmaid of the Lord**; let it be unto me according to thy word. And with that the angel left her.



# Gospel of Matthew Ch.1

**18** And this was the manner of Christ's birth. His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, but they had not yet come together, when she was found to be with child, by the power of the Holy Ghost.

**19** Whereupon her husband Joseph (for he was a right-minded man, and would not have her put to open shame) was for sending her away in secret.

**20** But hardly had this thought come to his mind, when an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take thy wife Mary to thyself, for it is by the power of the Holy Ghost that she has conceived this child;

**21** and she will bear a son, whom thou shalt call Jesus, for he is to save his people from their sins.

**22** All this was so ordained to fulfil the word which the Lord spoke by his prophet:

**23** Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel (which means, God with us).

**24** And Joseph awoke from sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, taking his wife to himself;

**25** and he had not known her when she bore a son, her first-born, to whom he gave the name Jesus.



# Meaning....



- ✧ Total consecration of Mary to God.
- ✧ Mary's total abandonment to God's will.
- ✧ Mary's soul responding to God - Gift of herself.
- ✧ Radical elevation of the Virginal state for the sake of kingdom and Mary's unique role.
- ✧ God is present among his people (The Ark)



✠ Luke 1:35 “Overshadow” is marital language.

✠ Matt 1:20 – Joseph’s understanding is the “espousal” of Mary to the Holy Spirit.

- Therefore Joseph’s vocation changes from “Spouse” to “Guardian” of Mary.
- Under Jewish law, Joseph is the legal “father” of Jesus. (*not biological father*)



# Specific Objections to the Perpetual Virginity



- (1) “Until” Mt. 1:25
- (2) First born
- (3) Brothers and sisters of the Lord / other children



# Objection 1 “Until”



- ❧ **Mat. 1:25** "And he knew her not till she brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.
- ❧ In this case till (*until*; *Gk: heos*) is a subordinating conjunction & connects an action to a point in time.
- ❧ Example: 2 Sam. 6:23 - "Therefore Michol the daughter of Saul had no child *to (until)* the day of her death."

Marriage: Church fathers support indicate a virgin marriage\*  
(see Numbers 30 that indicates a vow)

\* Marriage is two parts betrothal [Erusin] and Consummation [Nissuin] .



# Objection 2 “First-Born”



**Lk. 2:7** ” She brought forth a son, her first-born, whom she wrapped in his swaddling-clothes, and laid in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

- ❧ First-born does not mean that there were other children.
- ❧ First-Born in Jewish context is a legal status (Lk 2:23)

See Exodus 13: 12-15 and Numbers 18:15-16



# Objection 3

## “Other Children”

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✧ **Mt. Ch 13**

- ✧ **55** Is not this the carpenter's son, whose mother is called Mary, and his brethren James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?
- ✧ **56** And do not his sisters, all of them, live near us? How is it that all this has come to him?

✧ **Jn. 19:25** and meanwhile his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalen, had taken their stand beside the cross of Jesus.

✧ Greek: “*Adelphoi*” = brother / “*Adephe*” = sister



# Continued...



**Lk. 2: 41-48** Finding of the child Jesus at the temple.

❧ No indication of brothers or sisters in the text

❧ Mention relatives (*Kinfolk*)

**Mk. 6**

❧ **3** Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother (*cousin*) of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon? Do not his sisters live here near us?



# NOT ALL "BROTHERS" ARE BIOLOGICAL GAL

The Greek for "brother" is "adelphos" which could also mean "relatives", "fellowman" & "countryman". In the Bible, there are several passages where the term "brother" was used not for biological siblings.



Abram & his nephew Lot

Gen.14:16 KJV

"...and also brought again his **brother** Lot." But Lot is only a nephew of Abraham.



David & his friend Jonathan

2Sam.1:26 "I am distressed for you my **brother** Jonathan" But Jonathan is only a friend of David.



Saul & Ananias

Act 9:17 \* "...Saul, my **brother**, I have been sent by the Lord" But Paul is not a biological brother of Ananias.

Paul & Peter had mentioned "**brothers**", but not biological.

1. Paul & Quartus (Rom.16:23)
2. Paul & Sosthenes (1Cor.1:1)
3. Paul & Apollos (1Cor.16:12)
4. Paul & Timothy (2Cor.1:1)
5. Paul & Titus (2Cor.2:13)
6. Paul & Tychicus (Eph.6:21)
7. Paul & Epaphroditus (Phi.2:25)
8. Paul & Onesimus (Col.4:9)
9. Paul & Timotheus (1Thess.3:2)
10. Peter & Sylvanus (1Pet.5:12)
11. Peter & Paul (2Pet.3:15)

In the Bible, those fellowman who have the same faith are also called "**brother**", though not biological siblings.



# THE 3 MARY'S IN THE BIBLE

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In the Bible, there were three Mary's who followed Jesus to his crucifixion- Mary the Mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the Mother of James & Joseph (Mat.27:56). This other Mary (mother of James & Joseph) was a relative of the Virgin Mary. Therefore, Jesus Christ and James & Joseph are actually relatives (not biological brothers). Their mother's name are only the same – Mary.



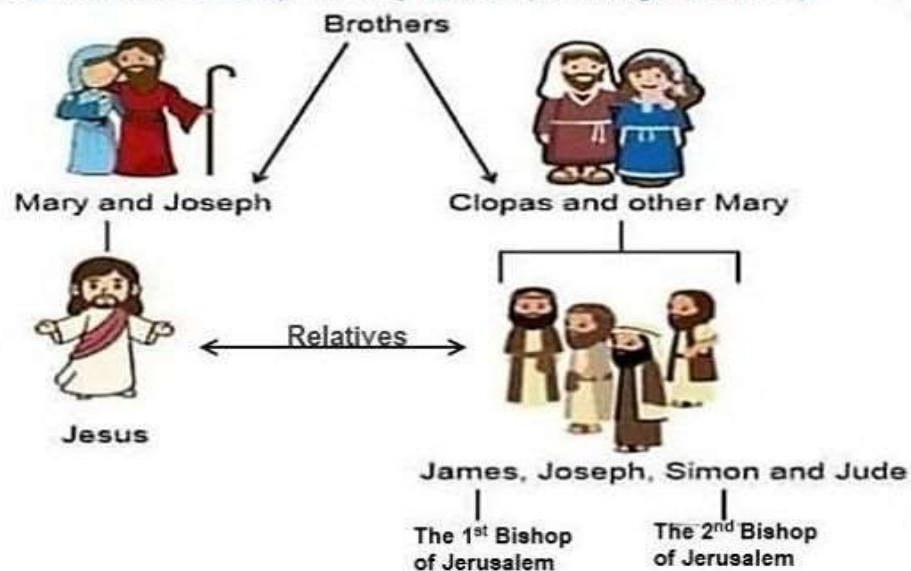
There are 3 Mary's at the Cross



Mary wife of Cleophas & mother of Apostle James (Mk.15:40)

Jn.19:25 KJV "Now his mother (Virgin Mary), and the **sister** of his mother, **Mary the wife of Cleophas** & Mary Magdalene, near the cross".

The word "sister" also derived from greek "*adelphē*" which means relatives or a full own sister. Whatever the meaning of sister is, it can only be derived that Jesus and James & Joseph are only relatives (not biological brothers).





# Jesus' Dying Words



✧ **Jn 19:**

✧ **26** And Jesus, seeing his mother there, and the disciple, too, whom he loved, standing by, said to his mother, Woman, this is thy son.

✧ **27** Then he said to the disciple, This is thy mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his own keeping.

It would be a violation of the Law to entrust Mary to John's care.



# Typology of the Ark





# Uzzah touches the Ark





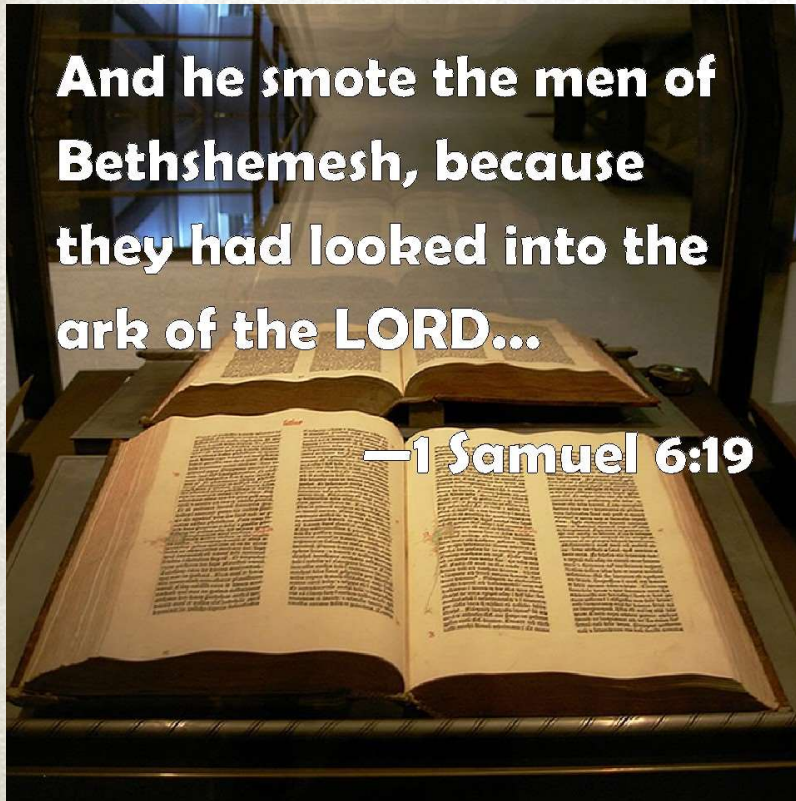
# Men of Beth Shemesh



**And he smote the men of  
Bethshemesh, because  
they had looked into the  
ark of the LORD...**

**—1 Samuel 6:19**

Next to the temple, the  
Ark is the most Holy  
'object' in Judaism.





# John 19:26

## Behold Your Mother...



- “Woman” Jesus speaks to is Mary.
- Proves Jesus had no biological siblings....
- .... Jesus (first born) would have entrusted his Mother to them...
- &...would be illegal for Jesus to entrust her to John!



# Resources:



Catechism References: CCC496 – 507

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The perpetual virginity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Jerome  
Defence against Helvidius. c.383 AD

✎ <http://www.clerus.org/bibliaclerusonline/en/fb3.htm#a>

✎ <https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/3007.htm>



# Regina Caeli / Queen of Heaven

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

V. Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.