



Mary Against Rome

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Who is the real Mary? The Roman Catholic church makes up stories about some people and most of their followers do not fact check the stories/legends of the “saints”. They teach that Mary was a super hero, but they hope that you will not read the Bible and learn about the real Mary. Most people do not take the time to find these verses and understand them. And the Catholic church avoids reading these verses in their services. We want to help our friends, so we took time to find those verses and I also explain what it means. An introductory thought; Jesus did not look up to Mary with great respect.

We hope you will look at the Bible and read each of the Bible Passages we quote. We have proof in Scripture about things Mary did wrong to Jesus. If you have a Catholic Bible, some of these verses have been removed and replaced with Catholic opinions. You are allowed to read a King James Bible, and that will help you see all of these verses. I mostly quote from the NKJV New King James Version Bible. There are many free Bibles on-line. Let us start with the truth about Mary in this report. We also have a report showing Paul's writings, and we have a report showing what Peter taught. In this report we will be also talking about Jews at Jesus' time. Many of the Jews in Jesus' days were great people, but you will also notice that we mention a few Jews who worked in the temple with Herod the Arab. King Herod was bad and the Jews who worked with Herod to control the temple were bad like him. Herod was a power hungry monster, and his relative Herod took over after the first Herod died, he was just as evil as the first Herod.

There was not a happy friendship between Jesus and Joseph & Mary. Luke 2:41-52 tells us when Jesus was twelve years old, and it was time to send Jesus to the Jerusalem school, Joseph & Mary were not going to send Him to school, and they didn't even talk about it. The family went up to Jerusalem for Passover every year. In Jerusalem, Jesus took off and spent His time in the temple, and they didn't even notice it. After the Passover, Joseph & Mary traveled toward home with “their

relatives and acquaintances” and didn't know “the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem” They “went a day's journey, and sought Him... when they did not find Him among their relatives and acquaintances, they returned to Jerusalem seeking Jesus... after three days they found Him in the temple” Jesus was 12 years old talking profoundly with the teachers, they were amazed. Jesus already had a great understanding about God. Joseph & Mary “ found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when Joseph & Mary saw Him, “they were amazed.”

We all need to look at the end of this situation and learn; Joseph & Mary did not show Jesus respect, instead they criticized Jesus. The Bible tells us they saw what was happening “all who heard Him were astonished” and Joseph & Mary “they were amazed” but Mary said to Him “Why have You done this to us? Your father and I have sought You anxiously.’ And Jesus said to them, ‘Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?’ ” Joseph & Mary were wrong, they should have sent Jesus to the temple school. And Jesus said that to them. Notice: Joseph & Mary knew that Jesus was supposed to be at the temple, but Joseph & Mary rejected that and insulted Jesus in front of the temple teachers and the students. Jesus complied with their requirements “He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them...” Joseph & Mary won, they got their way, but that failure was the last we saw of Joseph. I'm convinced that error brought the end of Joseph's life on earth. Yes, Joseph is in Heaven, but that was the end of his time here on earth.

We have another event that shows Mary was disrespectful to Jesus, it is the wedding of Cana. Start in the gospel of John chapter 1:15-31 John the Baptizer was preaching about the Messiah and baptizing the Jews who wanted to be ready for the Messiah, John 32-36. When John baptized Jesus, he saw “the Holy Spirit descending from Heaven like a dove and remaining on Jesus” then Jesus went into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil for 40 days, Mark 1:12-13 and then Jesus returned. John saw Jesus was back , he announced “Behold the Lamb of God!” Two of John's disciples started following Jesus. In John 1:37-44 Jesus called 6 disciples; James and his brother John, Andrew and his brother Peter, Phillip, and Nathanael ”. Then John 2:1-2 the 6 disciples traveled with Jesus to Cana of Galilee, “On the third day there was a wedding in Cana...” Mary was there and she invited Jesus and His disciples. John 2:3-4 “And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Jesus, ‘They have no wine’. Jesus said to her ‘Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not come.’” Did you see it; Mary is concerned about earthly worries, and she demanded Jesus to take care of her worldly concerns. Jesus made the wine she wanted, and the Father allowed it as a teaching tool for those who knew what happened.

Those verses did not assign glory to Mary, instead the Scriptures reduced her to “the mother of Jesus”. Her only importance was she was Jesus' mom. Further demoting Mary Jesus called her “woman” Jesus did not grant her holy dignity, Jesus demoted her to “woman” Mary's request was allowed because Jesus used it to prophesy about His crucifixion “My hour has not come.” Teaching the Biblical principal that wine can be used to symbolize Jesus' blood. This is the first “sign” miracle, but it is the second miracle Jesus did that is recorded in Scripture. The first miracle recorded was at age 12, Jesus had a profound understanding of God,; “And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.” With the water to wine miracle we have a hint of previous miracles, because Mary knew Jesus could make the wine, and that He would make wine for the wedding. How did Mary know Jesus would do that? It indicates that Mary had wanted miracles prior to the wedding and Jesus did it. But this picture also indicates that those other miracles were worldly minded for Mary, not for ministry.

The Roman Catholic religion also tries to promote the virgin Mary. Yes, Mary was a virgin when the Father placed Jesus inside Mary, and she remained a virgin until Jesus was born But she was married to Joseph, after Jesus was born, they had many children together. Read Matthew 13:55-56

she had other children “His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? And His sisters...”. The Roman Catholic people should read the Bible for themselves. They need to prove if the priest is right or wrong. Why does anyone refer to Mary as a perpetual virgin? Maybe they can't read. Or maybe they don't understand the Bible when they read it.

We have another event involving Mary's disrespect toward Jesus, and this is a bigger error against Mary, and it's recorded in 3 gospels; Matthew 12:46-50 and Mark 3:20-21 and Luke 8:19-21. Do you know that Jesus' ministry of teaching and preaching was popular, there was a crowd gathered around to hear Jesus when this happened. Matthew 12:46-47 “While He was still talking to the multitude, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. Then someone said to Him, 'Look, Your mother and Your brothers are outside, seeking to speak with You'” And Luke 8:19-20 said; “Jesus' mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd. And it was told to Him by some, who said 'Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You'” But Peter gives us more details in Mark 3:20-21 “Then the multitude came together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, 'He is out of His mind'” Back then, they never crucified someone who caused social stress, if someone was a public nuisance their family would take them home and take care of them. But this was way different than that, Jesus' teachings were interesting, thousands of people followed Jesus to learn the brilliant things He said Matthew 13:35. Explaining great mysteries never known from the beginning of the world. But Jesus' teachings also brought shame on the evil people who controlled the temple.

We just saw Mary, the mom of Jesus, and with Jesus' half brothers, they were confused and wrong. The temple leaders were saying bad and evil things about Jesus, Mary and His half brothers believed what the temple leaders were saying against Jesus. Mary and the brothers were trying to take action against Jesus, but it didn't work. Matthew 12:48-50 says “But He answered and said to the one who told Him, 'Who is My mother and who are My brothers?' And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, 'Here are My mother and My brothers.! For whoever does the will of My Father in Heaven is My brother and sister and mother'” At that event Jesus avoided His mom and His brothers, and He promoted those who came to hear and obey Him; “Here are My mother and My brothers.! For whoever does the will of My Father in Heaven is My brother and sister and mother” And notice Jesus put the word “mother” at the end of that list “My brother and sister and mother” Jesus reduced her importance because she was the instigator of that public insult against Jesus.

We just saw that Mary was critical of Jesus. I can show evidence that Mary and His half brothers remained critical of Jesus until He was on the cross. This is very important , everyone needs to understand what the Bible teaches about Mary. Did you notice that Matthew used the word “behold, His mother and brothers...” Matthew was offended at Mary and Jesus' brothers, that is why he used the word “behold”. Maybe someone doesn't believe that Mary held that disrespect toward Jesus. The word “behold” is one clue.

We have more clues. The gospel of John 7:1-8 was a few months before Jesus' crucifixion. Jesus' brothers came to Jesus and were still being insulting and dangerous to Jesus in John 7:1-8. Jesus was planning to go to the Feast of Tabernacles, even though “the Jews sought to kill Him” Jesus' brothers knew about the danger in Jerusalem, that is why they said “...go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing... If You do these things, show Yourself to the world. For even His brothers did not believe in Him” The Bible says that “His brothers did not believe in Him.” at that time.

We have 2 more strong evidences that Mary's disrespect continued against Jesus. When Mary and Jesus' half brothers got to Jerusalem for Passover, Mary found out that they were crucifying Jesus. When the Romans killed someone on a cross, they didn't have any clothes on. The soldiers “divided His garments” Matt. 27:35 Also in Mark 15:24 “when they crucified Him, they divided His garments”

That is why Luke 23:49 says “the women who followed Him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.” But John tells us that four women went to the cross and standing beside the cross. For decency reasons they were standing beside the cross in John 19:25-27 “there stood by the cross of Jesus, His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.” Mary got 3 friends to help her, they were near the cross, not “standing at a distance” Why was Mary there at the cross? John is a gentleman, John did not include Mary's apologies in his writings. John doesn't even put his own name in the gospel of John. Mary's criticisms of Jesus were well known. When she tried to take Jesus home saying He was out of His mind, there was a large crowd, some people knew what happened, and people talk, her error was well known. But Mary was greatly sorry when she saw Jesus on the cross. And she desperately, urgently needed Jesus to forgive her, even if the Roman soldiers were going to kill her she had to talk to Jesus, but her three friends knew it would be safe. John did not humiliate Mary, he gave a clue in Scripture to those who know the whole story. Mary stood by the cross of Jesus and talked with Him. Mary apologized.

There is one more proof that what I'm saying is correct back at the beginning. When Joseph & Mary took baby Jesus to the temple to be dedicated in Luke 2:22-35. The old prophet Simeon gave a prophecy from God in Luke 2:35 “this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that will be spoken against, (yes, a sword will pierce through your soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed” Simeon just prophesied that many people will hate Jesus. And Simeon included a personal note to Mary in the middle of that part. Please look at it “ a sign that will be spoken against, (yes, a sword will pierce through your soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed” - “a sword will pierce your soul also.” Simeon put Mary right in the middle of the group that will be against Jesus. That sword happened after Jesus was dead, a soldier sent a sword into Jesus' heart. That sword also pierced Mary's soul. Why? She felt the guilt of the trouble that she was a part of bad things that ended Jesus' life.

So Mary made her apologies to Jesus with many tears, and next we see the love of God. Jesus will send Mary to live with John “the disciple who Jesus loved” for the rest of her life. “When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and [John] the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, 'Woman, behold your son.!' Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother.!' And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.” Did you see Jesus brought Mary back up to “woman”? That is not; The mother of God, or Hail Mary full of grace or what ever else the Catholic church says about her. Read the Bible and believe God's Word. Do not believe what people say about the Bible, read it and prove if they are right or wrong.

There is one more Bible Passage that will have lots of value to Roman Catholics. So let's go back another time when a large crowd was listening to Jesus and a lady yelled out from the crowd in Luke 11:27 “And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Jesus, 'Blessed is the womb that bore You...' But Jesus said, 'More than that, blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.'” Here again, Jesus elevated those who hear Him as higher than His mom because she was opposed to His ministry. We can be sure that woman had a demon speaking through her. That demon was trying to start the worship of Mary, and Jesus totally opposed it. At the cross, Mary made her apologies, she confessed her sins to God, Jesus. Mary got saved and she is in Heaven, as also proved by Mary and his half-brothers were with the apostles in the upper room when the Holy Spirit came on Pentecost (Acts 1:12-14). Hebrews 12:1-2 tells us that when believers die, they go to Heaven, and they all watch what you and I do. Mary can see what the Roman Catholic church says, Mary is against what the Roman Catholic church says about her. And she herself will judge those evil doers. If you fell into some of those tricks, get away from what they say about her, do not be a part of their lies and slander.

Your conclusion needs to be: Jesus was perfect on earth, and He is perfect forever, without any sins or errors. When it was the Father's timing for Jesus to go to the cross, and the evil people were ready to kill Jesus, they wanted to find anyone who could accuse Jesus of anything wrong. Don't

forget that there were many honorable Jews in Jerusalem during the time of Jesus. But the Jews who ran the temple working with Herod the Arab were not honorable. They were evil and mean. They sent their spies to ask Jesus some trick questions, but Jesus gave excellent answers. They didn't have any reason to arrest Jesus but they did it anyway. The Roman government didn't allow the Jews to kill by crucifixion. So they needed to invent a crime to accuse Jesus. Then in Matthew 26:60 they "sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none." Because Jesus was holy and perfect. But Jesus died and resurrected and sits next to the Father as our Mediator 1st Timothy 2:5-6 "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all". The only way any sinner can get saved is by making a salvation covenant with Jesus Hebrews 12:24 "Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant", and Jesus becomes their Mediator.

Here is another mystery that many Catholics would like to see, the symbols of the new covenant are given by Jesus at the last supper in Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:24-26 and Luke 22:20-22. Please look at those verses, that was simply bread and it was simply wine. The disciples didn't eat pieces of Jesus' hands or arms, they did not drink His blood. Look at it. The bread and wine are the symbols of the new covenant. The evil leaders in the Catholic church tell lies, they tell people that the bread and the wine become raw red meat from Jesus' body or red blood from Jesus' body. Why doesn't anyone prove them wrong publicly? Ask to look in a friend's mouth after they chew the bread and before they swallow it. Or stick your finger in your own mouth and scoop out the chewed wafer, it's white, NOT RED MEAT. The Bible strictly forbids humans to drink blood of animals and humans. Holy God cannot violate His holy commands. Holy God will not trick you into drinking blood. After you put the wine in your mouth, swish it around and spit it back into the cup and look at it, it's only wine mixed with your saliva, it is NOT RED BLOOD. Why doesn't anyone call those priests liars? You want to go to Heaven forever, do not trust those liars. Read the teachings of Jesus and His apostles, Jesus trained the apostles Himself, and they were very careful to tell the truth. Read Jesus' teachings, and the apostles teachings and believe what they taught.

The Catholic church teaches their followers to pray to Mary, but the Bible doesn't teach that. In fact the Bible proves that Mary was a sinner just like you and me, she is powerless to help you. If you, as a person, have been giving Mary more respect than you should, now you know to quit doing that. Mary had to get saved by the blood of Jesus, just like every one else. Mary was a sinner, so she can not be your holy mediator. If you give your life to Jesus, then Jesus is your holy Mediator. Please feel free to ask us questions.

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