

## **MARY, A MODEL MOTHER**

**Galatians 4:4, Luke 1:26-35, 46-56**

**Ordinary People Used By God Series**

**Introduction:** Within God's Holy Word is found instructions and examples to follow. There are several mothers mentioned, Eve, Sarah, Jochebed, Hannah, Lois/Eunice and of course Mary, the mother of Jesus. In this study the question of why did God select this particular "Mary" to be the mother of Jesus will be examined.

### **I. GOD CHOSE MARY FOR A SPECIAL MISSION (Luke 1:28)**

1. Mary became the mother of Jesus by way of a miraculous conception.
2. God could have come to us in any way, but He chose to become flesh and blood as we did.
3. What qualified Mary to be chosen to become Jesus' mother?
  - Mary was a devout worshiper of God.
  - Mary was pure in mind, heart and body.
  - Mary was humble, realizing her dependence on God.
  - Mary was obedient to God's will and willing to do what God had planned for her.
  - Mary had an attitude of gratitude. She was thankful that God had chosen her for His work.
  - Mary was dependable and reliable.

### **II. GOD CHOSE MARY TO BE A MODEL, AN EXAMPLE**

1. Mary responded positively immediately upon knowing God's plan for her life.
2. Mary found a way to magnify the Lord by singing of His goodness and mercy.
3. Mary worshipped God faithfully and sincerely.

### **III. MARY SUFFERED THE PAINS OF BEING A MOTHER**

1. Mary suffered the pains of childbirth.
2. Mary found it difficult to understand Jesus when He was 12 years old and at the Temple.
3. Later Mary's other children were indifferent to Jesus' true identity.
4. Mary felt much pain when Jesus was rejected by the people of His home town.
5. Mary suffered seeing her son, Jesus, arrested, falsely accused, convicted, condemned and crucified.  
(In no way can we fully comprehend the agony Mary must have felt as she stood at the foot of her Son's cross.)

### **IV. MARY WORSHIPPED HER OWN SON - THE RISEN AND RULING SAVIOR**

1. Mary was present with those rejoicing over Jesus' resurrection.
2. Mary was present when the Holy Spirit was given.
3. Mary worshipped her own Son as the Risen Savior.

### **SUMMARY:**

1. Of all the mothers mentioned in the Bible, Mary, the mother of Jesus is an excellent mother model.