

Behold Thy Son

Some Things You Never Outgrow

“Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high (Isaiah 52:13).

“Listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old (Proverbs 23:22).

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh” (Genesis 2:24).

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth” (Ephesians 6:1-3).

1. There comes a day when a child is no longer under the authority of parents.
2. You never lose respect and honor for them.
3. You never outgrow your responsibility of respect and honor.

Mary’s Life Was Very Difficult

1. Mary’s life became difficult when she accepted God’s will to give birth to Jesus (Luke 1:26-35).
2. Mary was told and she knew her life would never be easy (Luke 2:34-35).
 - a. No one would believe a virgin birth, though it was prophesied.
 - b. There was no room in the inn.
 - c. He would be born and laid in a manger.
 - d. Herod killed many children trying to get Jesus.
 - e. She and Joseph escaped to Egypt for two years.
 - f. She lived for many years without Jesus telling anyone He was the Messiah.
 - g. Jesus never entered ministry until the wedding at Cana (John 2:1-5).
 - h. They would try to push her son from a cliff.
 - i. The Pharisees would set an ambush for her son.
 - j. Her other children did not believe He was Messiah.
 - k. He was lied about and accused of blasphemy daily.
 - l. Jesus was falsely arrested, beaten, and sentenced.
 - m. He was crucified in front of an angry mob and Mary had to endure the humiliation.
3. Mary was blessed through the great sorrows.

- a. The end of Jesus' sorrows brought an end to hers also.
- b. She was present with Mary Magdalene at the tomb after the resurrection.
- c. She was in the upper room at Pentecost.
- d. She became a faithful member of the Jerusalem church.

The Beginning of Mary's Deliverance

"Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and 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" (John 19:25-27).

1. John returned to Jesus' side.
2. John took her to his home, and she became His mother to love and care for.
3. A mother or father is not biological, but love and care.