

The Spiritual War Against the Woman's Soul (Part Five) **(The Death of Mary's First Born)**

During the month of May, we studied three lessons dedicated to spiritual attacks upon women souls on both Sunday and Wednesday.

- **Lesson one** (taught 5/5) : The Creation of Womanhood (#1) (Matt.19:3-6)
- **Lesson two** (taught 5/8) : The Creation of Womanhood (#2) (Rom.1:24-27)
- **Lesson three** (taught 5/12) : Eve, Mother of ALL Living (Gen.3:20)
- **Lesson four** (taught 5/15) : Divine design of the woman's soul (Rom.1:24-27)
- **Lesson five (taught 5/19) : The Death of Mary's First Born (Gen.3:1-6)**
- **Lesson six** (taught 5/22) : Fight the Good Fight (1 Tim.6:12)

Four of the seven sayings of Jesus from the cross are recorded in our lesson text (Jn. 19:25-30).

- (Jn. 19:26) "Woman, behold your Son."
- (Jn. 19:27) "Behold, your mother."
- (Jn. 19:28) "I thirst."
- (Jn. 19:30) "It is finished."

While I don't know what Mary might have thought about the death of her firstborn, I do know what the Son and Father thought about it.

(Matt.26:42) "My Father, if (1cc) [true] this cannot pass away unless (3cc) [maybe] I drink, Thy will be done (ginimai / a.p.impv.3ps)." (Heb.12:2b)

This lesson will study three aspects of the Death of Mary's Firstborn.

1. In Jesus' first statement made from the cross in our lesson text to His mother, His statement might seem strange at first glance – "Woman (gune), behold Thy Son!" (Jn. 19:26).

Notice that Jesus didn't address her as mother or Mary but WOMAN. Yet when addressing John about Mary, Jesus called her mother – "**Behold, Thy mother (meter)!**" (Jn. 19:27)

The word association of **WOMAN** between Jesus and Mary connects His first miracle sign to His last miracle sign (**John 2:1-11, 19-21**).

- **First miracle sign:**
 - (Jn. 2:11) "This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him."
 - (Jn. 2:4) "And Jesus said to her, '**Woman**, what do I have to do with you? My hour has not yet come.'"
- **Last miracle sign:**
 - (Jn. 2:19) "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

- (Jn. 2:21) “But He was speaking of the temple of His body.”
- (Jn. 19:27) “**Woman**, behold Thy Son!” (crucifixion)

2. Since Mary treasured the events of the life of her firstborn Son in her heart, she would be able to recall another time when Jesus talked this way at the age of 12.

(Luke 2:19) “But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.”

At the age of 12, He missed leaving Jerusalem with His parents because of being preoccupied with a theology discussion with Jewish theologians (Luke 2:41-52).

(Luke 2:49) “Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in **My Father’s house or business** (Literally it says, ‘**I must be about My Father’s affair**’).”

At the cross, Mary understands that the Father’s business was salvation (John 4:42; 10:18).

(Jn. 12:23-24) “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”

At the cross, Mary understands that Jesus Christ is the **Only Begotten Son of God** and not of Mary.

(Jn. 3:16) “For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.”

3. In Jesus’ second statement from the cross regarding His mother, He prepares Mary for becoming a member of two new families.

- **First family** that Jesus prepared for Mary to become was John’s family
 - (Jn. 19:27) “Then He said to the disciple, ‘**Behold, your mother!**’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his own household.”
 - **POINT #1**
 - (Eph.6:2-3) “Honor your mother and father (which is the first commandment with a promise), that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.”
 - (Ex.20:12) **John** outlived others in the circle of Jesus’ disciples. At the age of 96, he wrote the Book of Revelation.
 - **POINT #2**
 - (1 Tim.5:4, 8) “But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them learn piety in regard to their own family, and to make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God.”
- **Second family** that Jesus prepared for Mary to become was the Church family (Eph.3:15).
 - **She** is listed with those present at the ascension of Jesus (Acts 1:4-11).
 - **She** was among the 120 awaiting the baptism of the Holy Spirit after Jesus was in session (Matt.3:11; Acts 1:4-5, 12-15; 2:33).
 - **She** was present at Pentecost who received the baptism of Holy Spirit by Jesus.
 - **She** became a founding member of the church (Acts 2:41-42, 47; 4:4-5; 5:11, 14).

- **She** became a member of Royal family of God (Acts 13:22-23; Eph.3:15).
- **She** became a believer of the new covenant (Heb.7:22; 8:6-7).
- **She** died and went to heaven because her Savior was the First Fruit of the Resurrection and not because she was His mother (1 Cor.15:20-23; 2 Cor.5:6-8).