"Contenders and Champions in the Kingdom"

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Contenders and Champions



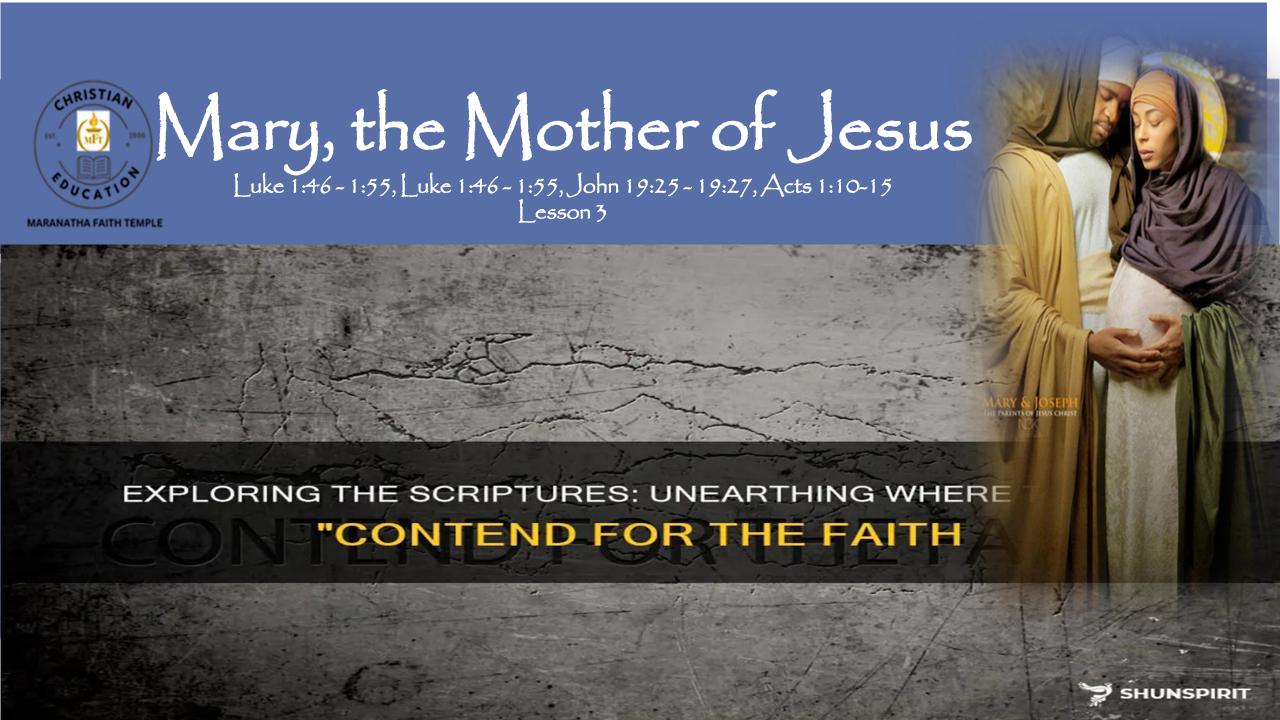


- >July 6 John Mark
- >July 13 Joseph
- >July 20 Mary, the Mother of Jesus
- >July 27 Esther











Commentary We Can Learn I:

4 Enduring Lessons from Mary's Incredible Faith

We Can Be Used by God

"...for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant...has lifted up the humble" (Luke 1:48, 52).

We Can Trust God in All Things

"'I am the Lord's servant,' Mary answered. 'May your word to me be fulfilled.' Then the angel left her" (Luke 1:38).



Commentary We Can Learn II:



We Can Come to God with Questions

"How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, 'since I am a virgin?" (Luke 1:34).

We Can Choose to Worship God Regardless of Our Circumstances

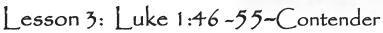
"My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..." (Luke 1:46-47).1:38).



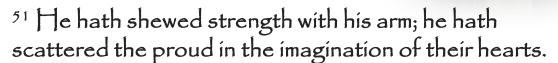
Mary, the Mother of Jesus

Lesson 3 July 20, 2025 Luke 1:46-55, John 19:25-27, Acts 1:10-15





- 46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,
- ⁴⁷ And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
- ⁴⁸ For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
- ⁴⁹ For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.
- 50 And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.



- 52 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.
- 53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
- ⁵⁴ He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;
- 55 As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.





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Lesson 3: John 19:25 -27- Contender

25 Now there stood by the cross of <u>Jesus his</u> mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.

26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!

27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

Lesson 3: John 1:14-17

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of <u>Jesus</u>, and with his brethren.

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.



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Lesson 3: Acts 1:10-15 Champion

- ¹⁰And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;
- Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.
- 12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.
- 13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

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