

A Mother Called by God Never Loses Her Title Mother's Day 2018

John 19:25-27

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On January 31st, 1993 Super Bowl 27 was scheduled to begin at 6:30pm. Two of the greatest quarter-backs to play the game would be going up against one another. Jim Kelly for the Buffalo Bills and Troy Aikman of the Dallas Cowboys. Both are in The NFL Hall of Fame. Early that morning I was preparing to attend church at FBC Dade City. Veanna however was pacing the floor praying to God please Lord Not today! Please Lord it's Super Bowl Sunday Not Today! Please, Please, Please not today!!!! I can't have this baby today, its Super Bowl Sunday!!!! Skipper will kill me!!!!!! She looked at me and said "I'm sorry but I think we have to go to the hospital. This baby doesn't know it's Super Bowl Sunday!"

John 19:25-27 but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

I. **A Mother's Compassionate Love (25) but standing by the cross** of Jesus were **his mother** and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

➤ **The Contrast of The Cross (25) but**

- **Solders Gambling** **John 19:23-24** When the **soldiers had crucified Jesus**, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴ so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but **cast lots** for it to see whose it shall be." This was to **fulfill the Scripture** which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they **cast lots**." So the soldiers did these things,

On one side of the cross we have **Solders Gambling** and on the other side we have **Supportive Grievers**.

- **Supportive Grievers (25)** **standing by** the cross of Jesus were **his mother** and **his mother's sister**, **Mary** the wife of Clopas, and **Mary** Magdalene.

Standing by The Cross were Four women and the apostle John. They were there because they loved Jesus:

- a) **Mary**, the mother of Jesus
- b) **Salome** (His mother's sister) **Mark 16:1** Mother of The Sons of Zebedee The Apostle John & James. Also known as The Sons of Thunder! **Mark 3:17** She was also one of the women who wen to the tomb.
- c) **Mary** Magdalene was a woman from whom Jesus cast out seven demons **Luke 8:2**. The name Magdalene likely indicates that she came from Magdala, a city on the southwest coast of the Sea of Galilee. After Jesus cast seven demons from her, she became one of His followers. Some have associated her with the woman caught in adultery

which is highly unlikely. She too was also at The Tomb.

d) **Mary** of Cleophas Is also identified as Mary the mother of James the younger and Joseph (also called Alpheus in Luke 6:15). She is mentioned again seeing the place where Jesus was buried. And this Mary appears again in Mark 16:1 and Matthew 28:1 where she is called “the other Mary” in connection with the empty tomb.

As Mary watches her son hanging on that cruel cross I am reminded of the prophetic words of Simeon, the old man who blessed Jesus at His circumcision:

Luke 2:34-35 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against,³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And **a sword will pierce your own soul** too." (From **Psalm 22:18**)

The truth of **Simeon's prophecy** at the birth of Jesus was suddenly true. The cross cut deeply into Mary's heart. Despite the pain, however, Mary was there. She was **a mother from the beginning, and a mother at the end.** A mother called by God never loses her title.

II. **A Son's Continued** Loyalty (26-27a) When Jesus **saw his mother** and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby,

➤ **Dependent Change** (26) **he said to his mother,** "Woman, **behold,** your son!"

- **Divine Charge (27a)** Then he said to the disciple, "**Behold**, your mother!"

III. **A New Family Connection Launched (27b)**

And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

- **Effective Immediately (27b)** And from that hour

Why did Jesus “give” his mother to John when He was hanging on the cross?

Joseph, Mary’s husband had likely died sometime between Jesus being 12 to 33 years of age. The Bible is Silent of this point.

Jesus did have **brothers** and sisters. The Gospel of Mark 6:3 and the Gospel of Matthew 13:55–56 state that James, Joses (or Joseph), Jude and Simon were the **brothers** of **Jesus**, the son of Mary. The same verses also mention unnamed sisters of **Jesus**. So why did Jesus not assign his four brothers the task of taking care of His mother.

The answer is found in **John 7:5** For **not even** his **brothers believed in him**.

- **Example of Inclusion (27b)** the disciple **took her to his own home**.

This is a picture of God through Jesus Christ Including those who Believe in His Son into His own Home in Heaven!

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Being a Mother is more than just a title!

What is a Mother?

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A mother is someone to shelter and guide us,
To love us, whatever we do,
With a warm understanding and infinite patience,
And wonderful gentleness, too.

How often a mother means swift reassurance
In soothing our small, childish fears,
How tenderly mothers watch over their children
And treasure them all through the years.

The hearth of a mother is full of forgiveness
For any mistake, big or small,
And generous always in helping her family
Whose needs she has placed above all.

A mother can utter a word of compassion
And make all our cares fall away,
She can brighten a home with the sound of her
laughter
And make life delightful and gay.

A mother possesses incredible wisdom
And wonderful insight and skill-
In each human heart is that one special corner
Which only a mother can fill!

Happy Mother's Day!

Praise Team takes The Platform