

Jesus and Mary John 19:25-27

Introduction:

Throughout the Bible, there is not much mention of the relationship that Jesus had with His mother. However, based on the events of John 19 (the death of Jesus), we see the relationship that Jesus had with His mother. Even though Jesus is on the cross, His mother is within speaking distance of Him. It has been said that there is no greater sadness for a parent than to outlive you children; yet Mary is watching her firstborn child die a cruel death.

- I. Mary took care of Jesus, even in His death.
 - A. Mary had always taken care of Jesus.
 - 1. Mary had great concern for Jesus as He grew up.
 - 2. **Lk. 2:41-50**
 - B. Mary was near Jesus when He was on the cross.
 - C. Mary came to tomb to wash His body on Sunday.
 - 1. **Mk. 16:1** - Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.
 - 2. In all of these instances, Mary was demonstrating her love for her Son.
 - 3. Mary constantly took care of her son.
 - D. Parents today have an obligation to raise their children in the Lord.
 - 1. **Deut. 11:18-21**
 - 2. **Prov 22:6** - Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.
 - 3. **II Tim. 1:3-5** – Example of Lois and Eunice
 - 4. **II Tim. 3:14-15**
 - 5. While the responsibility is on both parents, the mother plays a key part in the spirituality of the child.

- II. Jesus took care of His mother, even in His death.
 - A. Even when Jesus is on the cross, He makes sure that His mother is taken care of.
 - 1. Jesus tells John to take care of His mother.
 - 2. He was making sure that His mother was supported.
 - B. We each have a responsibility to take care of our mothers in their time of need; esp. when they are widows and not able to take care of themselves.
 - 1. **James. 1:27** - Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.
 - 2. The idea of “visit” is more than to just check in on them.
 - 3. It denotes a responsibility to provide for them in their need.
 - a. This could come in a variety of ways.
 - b. Financial support, food, other necessities, quality time, etc.
 - 4. **I Tim. 5:3-4, 16**

- III. Even Jesus taught us that our spiritual family is more important than our earthly family.
- A. Even though our relationships with our family, and especially with our mothers, is important, our relationship with our spiritual family and Christ is more important.
1. If our earthly mothers are what they are supposed to be, they will support us and help us in our walk with Christ.
 2. **Matt 6:33** - But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
- B. When it comes to God, sometimes we must be willing forsake our earthly family in order to serve Him.
1. **Luke 14:26-27** - If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. {27} And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.
 2. God did promise to repay us if we have to forsake our family.
 - a. **Mark 10:29-30**
 - b. So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, {30} who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time-- houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions-- and in the age to come, eternal life."
- C. Who is My mother?
1. **Mt. 12:46-50**
 2. We can all have mothers in the Lord's church.

Conclusion: