

THE BLESSED VIRGIN IN OUR LIFE I

THE BLESSED VIRGIN IN HISTORY

WHO WAS SHE?

THE MOTHER OF JESUS
 THE SPOUSE OF JOSEPH
 THE GREATEST OF CHRISTIAN SAINTS
 — KNOWN FROM SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION

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| <p>1. ANNUNCIATION
(LK 1:26-38)</p> | <p>VIRGIN
 LIVING AT NAZARETH
 ESPoused TO JOSEPH
 VISITED BY ARCHANGEL GABRIEL
 CONSENTED TO BE MOTHER OF MESSIAH</p> |
| <p>2. VISITATION
(LK 1:39-56)</p> | <p>JOURNEY TO ELIZABETH
 MAGNIFICAT</p> |
| <p>3. JOSEPH'S DILEMMA
(MT. 1:18-25)</p> | <p>MARY'S SILENCE
 ANGEL'S APPEARANCE
 JOSEPH ACCEPTS MARY</p> |
| <p>4. BETHLEHEM
(LK. 2:1-20)</p> | <p>MARY ACCOMPANIES JOSEPH
 JESUS IS BORN</p> |
| <p>5. CIRCUMCISION
(LK 2:2)</p> | <p>EIGHT DAYS AFTER BIRTH
 GIVEN THE NAME JESUS</p> |
| <p>6. PRESENTATION
(LK 2:22-39)</p> | <p>FORTY DAYS AFTER BIRTH, IN THE TEMPLE
 — PRESENTATION OF JESUS — PROPHECY OF SIMSON
 — PURIFICATION OF MARY</p> |
| <p>7. FLIGHT INTO EGYPT AND RETURN
(MT. 2:1-23)</p> | <p>MAGI VISIT JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
 TWO WARNINGS: TO MAGI AND JOSEPH
 RETURN TO NAZARETH AFTER HEROD'S DEATH</p> |
| <p>8. FINDING IN THE TEMPLE
(LK 2:41-51)</p> | <p>JESUS AT TWELVE = BAR MITZVAH
 MARY AND JOSEPH FIND JESUS</p> |
| <p>9. CANA: FIRST MIRACLE THRO MARY
(JN 2:1-11)</p> | <p>CONVERSATION OF JESUS AND MARY</p> |
| <p>10. DURING CHRIST'S PUBLIC LIFE</p> | <p>= MARY IN THE BACKGROUND</p> |
| <p>11. CRUCIFIXION
(JN 19:25-27)</p> | <p>ON THE CROSS, MARY BECAME OUR MOTHER BY
 CHRIST'S LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT</p> |
| <p>12. PENTECOST
(ACTS 1:14)</p> | <p>MARY WAS WITH THE DISCIPLES, PRAYING, AFTER
 CHRIST'S ASCENSION
 MARY RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT ON PENTECOST</p> |

EVIDENCE OF TRADITION

1. RESIDENCE: MOST LIKELY MARY LIVED AND DIED AT EPHESUS
2. LIFE SPAN: ONE TRADITION SAYS FIFTEEN YEARS AFTER CHRIST'S ASCENSION
3. APOCRYPHAL SOURCES: ESPECIALLY THE GOSPEL OF JAMES AND THE GOSPEL OF THE NATIVITY
4. TRADITIONAL BELIEFS: PARENTS JOAKIM AND ANNA, PRESENTATION OF MARY
5. EARLIEST IMAGE OF MARY: EARLY SECOND CENTURY, CEMETERY OF PRISCILLA