

# **ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT MARY**

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY**

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# INTRODUCTION

- **For us Catholics**
  - Cherish our beliefs!
  - Solidly founded in Sacred Scripture
  - Practical Way of living the Gospel of her son, Jesus Christ
- **For non-Catholics**
  - Stumbling block
  - Catholics “make too much of Mary”
- **Evangelization**
  - Jesus and Mary are not in competition with one another
  - Mary is the first and best Christian ever
  - Mary’s role begins in Genesis and ends in Revelation

# TYOLOGY

- Old Testament prepares for New Testament
- New Testament lies hidden in Old Testament
  
- People, events in OT are “types” of the people, event in NT
- *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 128-130

# TYOLOGY

- **NT *requires* that we use “typology”**
  - Matthew 12:40 - For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.
  - John 3:14 - And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up.
  - 1 Peter 3:19-21 - In which he went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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  - 1 Corinthians 10:4 - And all drank the same supernatural drink. For they drank from the supernatural Rock which followed them, and the Rock was Christ.
    - Does not say “was like Christ”
  - Romans 5:14 - Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

# **TYPES OF MARY**

- **Eve**
- **Ark of the Covenant**
- **Queen Mother**

# MARY AS TYPE OF EVE

- **Jesus is New Adam, Mary is New Eve**
- **Eve**
  - Mother in the flesh
  - Disobeyed
  - Cooperated in Adam's sin
- **Mary**
  - Mother in spirit
  - Perfect obedience
  - Cooperated in Jesus' redemptive work

# MARY AS TYPE OF EVE

## Genesis 3:15-17

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” To the woman he said, “I will greatly multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.

Adam & Eve are tempted by the serpent.

Jesus & Mary together crush the head of the serpent.

# **MARY AS TYPE OF EVE**

**St. Irenaeus (*AD 180*) – Just as Eve having become disobedient, was made the cause of death for herself and the whole human race; so also Mary, being obedient, was made the cause of salvation for herself and the whole human race. Thus the knot of Eve's disobedience was loosed by the obedience of Mary. What the virgin Eve had bound in unbelief, the Virgin Mary loosed through faith."**

# MARY AS TYPE OF EVE

**St. Justin Martyr (*AD 2<sup>nd</sup> century*) – Jesus became Man by the virgin so that the course which was taken by disobedience in the beginning through the agency of the serpent, might be also the very course by which it would be put down. For Eve, a virgin and undefiled, conceived the word of the serpent, and bore disobedience and death. But the Virgin Mary received faith and joy when the angel Gabriel announced to her the glad tidings. And she replied: “Be it done unto me according to thy word.”**

# MARY CRUSHES SERPENT

**Judges 4:17-22** - But Sis'era fled away on foot to the tent of Ja'el, the wife of Heber the Ken'ite; for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Ken'ite. And Ja'el came out to meet Sis'era, and said to him, "Turn aside, my lord, turn aside to me; have no fear." So he turned aside to her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug. And he said to her, "Pray, give me a little water to drink; for I am thirsty." So she opened a skin of milk and gave him a drink and covered him. And he said to her, "Stand at the door of the tent, and if any man comes and asks you, 'Is any one here?' say, No." But Ja'el the wife of Heber took a tent peg, and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him and drove the peg into his temple, till it went down into the ground, as he was lying fast asleep from weariness. So he died. And behold, as Barak pursued Sis'era, Ja'el went out to meet him, and said to him, "Come, and I will show you the man whom you are seeking." So he went in to her tent; and there lay Sis'era dead, with the tent peg in his temple.

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Judges 5:24

*“Most blessed of women be Ja’el.”*

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**Judges 9:50-55** - Then Abim'elech went to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it. But there was a strong tower within the city, and all the people of the city fled to it, all the men and women, and shut themselves in; and they went to the roof of the tower. And Abim'elech came to the tower, and fought against it, and drew near to the door of the tower to burn it with fire. And a certain woman threw an upper millstone upon Abim'elech's head, and crushed his skull. Then he called hastily to the young man his armor-bearer, and said to him, "Draw your sword and kill me, lest men say of me, 'A woman killed him.'" And his young man thrust him through, and he died. And when the men of Israel saw that Abim'elech was dead, they departed every man to his home.

# MARY CRUSHES SERPENT

Judith 13:18

*“You are blessed by the Most High God above all women on earth; and blessed be the Lord God who has guided you to strike the head of the leader of our enemies.”*

# **JESUS CRUSHES SERPENT**

**David & Goliath**

**Calvary – “Place of the Skull”**

**Jesus & Mary together**

**Jesus called Mary “Woman”**

# **MARY, ARK OF THE COVENANT**

**Holiest object in the Old Testament**

**Carried the 10 Commandments**

**Uzzah died because he touched the Ark**

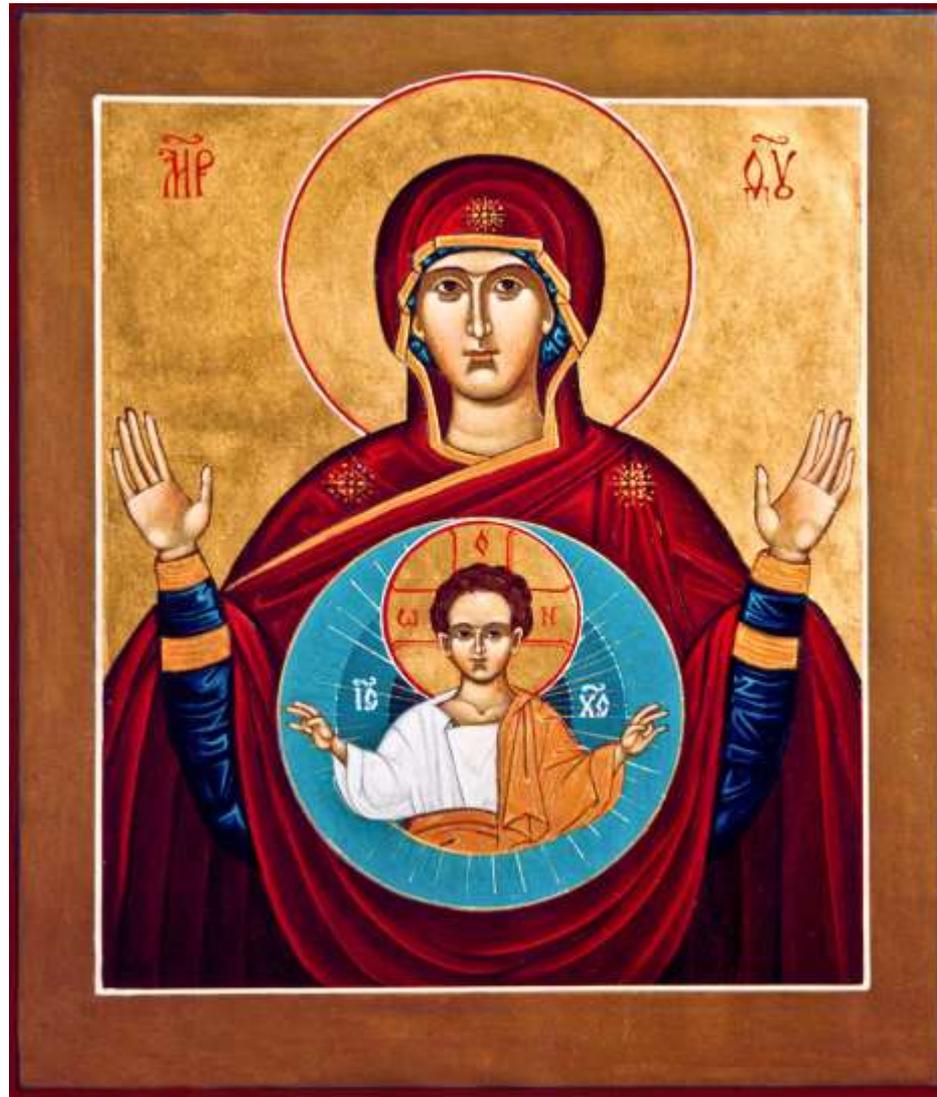
2 Samuel 6:6-7

**Equivalent to the tabernacle today**

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**Ark of the Covenant carried  
the written word**

**Mary carried the living Word**

# QUEEN OF HEAVEN & EARTH



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**Jesus is King of King (Luke 1:32, Revelation 19:16)**

**Solomon's queen was his mother. (1 Kings 2:19-20)**

**This tradition lasted 400 years.**

**“Queen Mother” already part of Judaic culture**

**Prepares way for King Jesus, who has no wife**

**Solomon enthrones his mother, Jesus enthrones His mother**



# MARIAN DOCTRINES

## Why non-Catholics take issue with Marian Doctrines:

- Either/Or
- Change in Doctrine, not Doctrinal Development
- Doctrinal Invention & Doctrinal Definition
- Reduction of Revelation to *Sola Scriptura*
- Dismissal of Typology

# MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Not Divine Maternity, but a fact of her Son, Jesus Christ

Jesus is God. → Mary is mother of Jesus → Mary is mother of God.

Luke 1:26-56

“...mother of my Lord should come to me...”

“...all generations will call me blessed...”

**Catholics fulfill Sacred Scripture!**

Martin Luther, John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli upheld this doctrine.

*“In this work whereby she was made the Mother of God, so many and such good things were given her that no one can grasp them...”* ~ Martin Luther, *The Works of Luther*, Concordia, 7, 572.

# **MOTHER OF GOD**

**Nestorius was first to reject this title in 429.**

**Council of Ephesus in 431 condemned this heresy.**

**Largest stained glass window in the world is of the Council of Ephesus. ~ Basilica of the Assumption in Covington, KY**

**Window measures 67' x 24'**



# **PERPETUAL VIRGINITY**

**Before, during, and after the birth of Jesus, Mary remained a virgin.**

**Her Spouse: Holy Spirit**

**Virgin body reflects her perfections**

# **PERPETUAL VIRGINITY**

**Verses used to disprove**

**Matthew 13:55**

**“Brothers in Christ”**

**“Blood brothers”**

**“Brothers” of Jesus never called “Sons of Mary”**

**Matthew 1:24-25**

**“Firstborn” a term of great significance in antiquity**

**“Until” does not guarantee “After”**

# **PERPETUAL VIRGINITY**

**Verses that defend**

**Acts 1:13-14**

**Mary is just mother of Jesus, not others**

**John 19:27**

**Jewish children care for parents**

**John 7:3-4**

**Younger brothers cannot reprimand eldest**

# PERPETUAL VIRGIN

**St. Athanasius (d. 373) – “Ever Virgin”**

**Luther – It is an article of faith that Mary is Mother of the Lord and still a virgin...Christ, we believe, came forth from a womb left perfectly intact. ~ *Works of Luther*, 11, 319-320; 6, 510.**

**Zwingli – I firmly believe that Mary, according to the words of the gospel, as a pure Virgin brought forth for us the Son of God and in childbirth and after childbirth forever remained a pure, intact Virgin. ~ *Opera*, 1, 424.**

# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**The Most Holy Virgin Mary was, in the first moment of her conception, by a unique gift of grace and privilege of Almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ the Redeemer of mankind, preserved free from all stain of original sin.**

# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**Romans 3:23 – All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

**cannot be absolute *ALL*, or it would include Jesus**

**Romans 3:9-10 – St. Paul uses identical language that cannot be taken in the absolute sense**

**Psalm 14**

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**Luke 1:28**

**“full of grace” leaves no room for sin (watch translation!)**

**From whom do these words come?**

**Angels are only messengers.**

**OT Ark**

**Mary, NT Ark**

Cloud of Glory Exodus 40:34-35

Holy Spirit will overshadow you Luke 1:35

Spent 3 months in a house 2 Samuel 6:11

Spent 3 months with Elizabeth Luke 1:26

the Lord comes to me? 2 Samuel 6:9

my Lord comes to me? Luke 1:43

David leaped 2 Samuel 6:14-16

John the Baptist leaped Luke 1:44

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**Did Mary need a Savior?**

**Yes, but merits were applied  
*beforehand* to Mary to make way  
for Jesus Christ.**

# **ASSUMPTION**

**Mary, the immaculate perpetually Virgin Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven.**

# **ASSUMPTION**

**Did Mary die?**

**We don't know.**

**Lots of Church Fathers think so.**

**“Death” for Adam and Eve was intended to be transitory  
perhaps the same for Mary**

**1 Corinthians 15 – Glorification of the body at the end of time**

**What about Enoch? Genesis 5:24, Hebrews 11:5**

**What about Elijah? 2 Kings 2:11**

# **ASSUMPTION**

**If the other 3 doctrines, this one follows.**

**Revelation 11-12**

**Liturgically, it is the oldest Marian feast celebrated in Jerusalem**

**Marian apparitions**

# **COMMON OBJECTIONS**

**Worship Mary? – No, honor her.**

**Statues violate commandments. – God does not prohibit images. God ordered the statues of cherubim and bronze serpent. God prohibits false idols.**

**Jesus is the only mediator. Why pray to Mary? – We pray to God through Mary. Jesus is the only mediator, but we have many intercessors.**

**Jesus disregarded Mary (Luke 11:27-28). – No, He praised her.**

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**Jesus disrespected Mary calling her “woman”. – Mary is THE WOMAN.**

**Superstitious medals of Mary. – God acts through saints.**

**Holy Rosary is repetitious. (Matthew 6:7) – Attitude, not words. (Revelation 4:8)**

# **MUST KNOW ABOUT MARY**

**Mother of God – January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Annunciation – March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Assumption – August 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Birth of Mary – September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Our Lady of Victory – October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Immaculate Conception – December 8<sup>th</sup>**