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"And He (Jesus) went out from there, and came into His own country; and His disciples followed Him. And when the Sabbath day had come, He began to teach in the synagogue; and many hearing Him were astonished, saying, 'From where has this Man these things? And what wisdom is this which has been given unto Him, that even such mighty works are performed by His hands? Is not this the carpenter, the Son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Judas, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us?' And they were offended in Him. But Jesus, said unto them, 'A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.' And He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands upon a few sick folks, and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief. And he went round and about the villages, teaching." (Mark 6:3)

From the same story in Matthew 13:55: "Is not this the Carpenter's Son? is not His mother called Mary? and His brothers, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?"

Son: from the Greek word *huios* meaning: a son (by birth or adoption), a male descendent.

Mary: from the Greek word *Marias*: a proper name; in context: Mary the Mother of Jesus. (Hebrew - Mariam)

The people who lived in the home region of Galilee, and the home city of Nazareth, of Jesus, came to know and remember Jesus and His family through the years of His upbringing. Thus, during His ministry years, Jesus was variously called the Carpenter, or the Carpenter's (Joseph's) Son, and the Son of Mary, and Jesus of Nazareth, by the people of Nazareth, and by folks throughout the region of Galilee.

Jesus lived with His mother Mary, and her husband Joseph, for thirty years. They knew and loved each other very well. Through the years Mary, herself, remembered and treasured in her heart many things from the events of their lives; things which shaped the relationship of Mary and her Firstborn Son Jesus! Consider, and read, these passages from the Bible:

The story of the Angel Gabriel's appearing to Mary with the news that she was chosen by God to be the mother of God's promised Messiah! (Luke 1:26-38)

The story of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth. (Luke 1:36-55)

The story Mary's pregnancy with Jesus, and Joseph's response, and the birth of Mary's Firstborn Son Jesus. (from Matthew 1:18-25)

The story of Joseph and Mary's journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Mary's Firstborn Son Jesus. (from Luke 2:1-7)

The story of the shepherds encounter with with an angel announcing the birth of the Savior Jesus, and their visit to His place of birth in a stable. (Luke 1:8-20)

The stories of the circumcision of Jesus; and His presentation in the Temple of God in Jerusalem by his parents Mary and Joseph. (Luke 2:21-35, ...39-40)

The stories of the Magi's visit to see Mary and Jesus, the new born King of the Jews; and the exile of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, down into Egypt. (Matthew 1:9-15,..., 19-23)

The story of Jesus when he stayed behind in Jerusalem, and Mary and Joseph went searching for Him with great anguish in their hearts. (Luke 2:41-52)

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The story of Mary and Jesus, and miracle of water turned to wine at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. (John 2:1-11)

The story of the crucifixion, and Mary standing near the Cross, and watching her beloved Son Jesus die on that cross. (John 19:16-30))

The post resurrection stories of Jesus and His disciples, and being again in the upper room along with Mary the mother of Jesus. (Acts 1:6-14)

From the above passages, we Learn the following things concerning the relationship between Jesus and His mother Mary:

- Mary was the 'favored' woman chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus the promised Messiah, the Son of God! (Luke 1:28)
- Mary was told that she was 'blessed among women' in being chosen to be the mother of Jesus! (Luke 1:28, 42)
- Mary's child Jesus was conceived in her womb by Holy Spirit, and the power of God Most High! (Luke 1:31-35) (Matthew 1:18-25)
- Mary gave birth to Jesus in an animal stable, in the city of Bethlehem, the city of David the King! (Luke 2:7)
- Mary wrapped her infant Son Jesus in a swaddling cloth and laid Him in an animals feeding-trough, the first bed of Jesus! (Luke 2:7)
- Mary and her baby Jesus were soon visited by lowly sheep herders, who told her all about their Angelic visit! (Luke 2:8-18)
- Mary and Joseph had Jesus circumcised on the eighth day of His life! (Luke 2:21)
- Mary and Joseph presented and dedicated her firstborn Son Jesus at Jewish Temple in Jerusalem on the fortieth day of His life! (Luke 2:22)
- Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus, received a blessing from Simeon on the day that Jesus was dedicated! (Luke 2:34)
- Mary was told by Simeon that, because of whom Jesus was going to be and do, that a sword would pierce through her own soul! (Luke 2:34-35)
- Mary and the child Jesus were visited by Magi who fell down, and worshipped Jesus, and gave Him costly gifts! (Matthew 2:11)
- Mary, Joseph, and the child Jesus fled in haste in the middle of the night into exile in Egypt, under a death threat against the child Jesus! (Matthew 2:13-15)
- Mary was consumed with sorrow when Jesus, age twelve, turned up missing after the Passover feast. (Luke 2:48)
- Mary did not always understand the things her Son Jesus said or did! (Luke 2:50)
- Jesus lived in subjection to Mary His mother, and Joseph her husband, for thirty years! (Luke 2:51)
- Mary pondered and treasured all these things about Jesus in her heart! (Luke 2:19, 51)
- Mary had faith in her Son Jesus' ability to turn water into wine! (John 2:5)
- Jesus was known as the Son of Mary by many of the people of Galilee. (Mark 6:3)
- Mary was there at the Calvary Cross and watched her Son Jesus slowly die on that cross! (John 19:25)
- Mary was also there in the upper room, with the early Church of her resurrected Son Jesus the Christ! (Acts 1:14)

This title of Jesus, the Son of Mary, was used by local folks who knew Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and their whole family. In a certain sense, it was a title used with a sense of unbelief on the part of these people who knew Jesus and His family – the carpenters. It was as Jesus said. 'A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.'

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And yet. Jesus was the Son of Mary! And Mary was the mother of Jesus. And Mary was chosen by God Most High, along with her husband Joseph, to be the parents and guardians of the Son of God, the Savior of the World, who is Christ the Lord!

Simeon said unto Mary, "Behold, this child (Jesus) is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; and yes, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also, so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." (Luke 2:34-35) This prophecy no doubt shaped the relationship between Mary and her Son Jesus!

The Father's hand was very much a part of the relationship between Mary and Jesus. The Father sent His angel Gabriel to announce to her His choice of her to be the mother of the the promised Messiah of Israel. And that God His Father would give unto Jesus the throne of His father David. And that Jesus would reign over the house of Jacob forever; and that His Kingdom would have no end!! This prophecy no doubt also shaped the relationship between Mary and her Son Jesus!

When Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, it came to pass, that, when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit; and she spoke out with a loud voice, and said, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the Fruit of your womb. And how has it come to pass to me, that the mother of my Lord (speaking of Jesus) should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of your salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she (speaking of Mary))who believed; for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord (the Father!).

All these events were amazing announcements for Mary, that she should be the Mother of the greatest of all persons to be born of a woman – Jesus! And Mary, herself, moved by the Spirit spoke forth this wonderful prophecy, and praise to the Father of her Son, yet still in her womb:

'My soul does magnify the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He who is mighty has done to me great things; and holy is His name! And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has showed strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He has filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He has sent away empty. He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy; As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to His Seed forever.' (Luke 1:36-55)

JESUS is ... the Son of Mary

The Son of a young virgin Jewish woman!

The Son of a young woman who had found favor with God Most High!

The son of a woman called blessed amongst all women throughout all generations!

The Son of a woman who was served Him from conception to his death on the cross!

**Lord Jesus Your Mother Mary was a wonderful mother,
and a faithful servant to You, and our Father God Most High in Heaven!**

**As you loved Your mother Mary, even to your place on the Cross,
so also help me to love others as You also have loved me!**