



Mary

For highlights of Mary's story, read Matthew 1:18–2:23; Luke 1:26–2:52; John 2:1–11; 19:25–27.

Breakthrough!: Mary, it is an honor to meet you! How old were you when you became the mother of Jesus?

Mary: I was just a teenager—but that was normal for those times.

B: You did God's will all the time and became the mother of Jesus so young. Didn't you feel like you missed out on just being yourself?

Mary: Actually, I felt the opposite! Following God helped me discover my true self. I was free to become who God made me to be—and he made me to be the mother of Jesus, his Son!

B: Must have been pretty easy to figure out, since an angel came and told you!

Mary: It would be nice if God sent an angel to everyone, wouldn't it? God will show you your true self—maybe not all at once, but step by step throughout your life. Ask God for guidance, and then keep your eyes and ears open!

B: I'll try that! You were with Jesus when he died. Didn't he speak to you from the cross?

Mary: I'll never forget the way Jesus looked at me and his beloved disciple in that moment. He said to me, "Behold, your son," and then to his disciple, "Behold, your mother."

B: Jesus gave you the disciple as your son so that he could take care of you?

Mary: Yes, but that was only part of it. I know now that Jesus also gave me all believers as my children—and gave me to you as your Mother.

B: Wow, I didn't think of it like that before. It must have been painful to watch your Son suffer so much.

Mary: It was. I didn't understand why he had to suffer, but I knew it must be part of God's plan.

B: You don't say much in the Gospels. What do you think is the most important thing you ever said?

Mary: My "yes" to God! Not just once, but every time I chose to do God's will. You can choose to say "yes" to God each day too!