

Mary: The Word or Tradition?

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For the prophecy came not... by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 Peter 1,21

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Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; Revelation 1,19

Come up hither, and I will show you things which must be hereafter. Revelation 4,1

New Testament writers: Apostles

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

2 Peter 1:16

New Testament writers: Apostles

— [**Matthew**

— [**John**

— [**Peter**

— [**Paul**

New Testament writers: Apostle Paul

I am Jesus, who you persecute...But rise, and stand on your feet: for I have appeared unto you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of these things which you have seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto you. Acts 26, 15-16

You shall be His witness unto all men of what you have seen and heard. Acts 22,15

Am I not an apostle...have I not seen Jesus our Lord? 1 Cor 9,1

The Testimony of Paul

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: 1 Cor 11,23

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, 1 Cor 15,3

But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ, Galatians 1,11-12

To Moses: And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount. Exodus 25,40

Other N T writers: Companions of Apostles

— [**Mark**

— [**Luke**

— [**James**

— [**Jude**

Other N T writers: Companions of Apostles

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Peter calls him, "My son!"
1 Peter 5,13

Traveled with Paul & Barnabas
Acts 13,5

Other N T writers: Companions of Apostles

- Traveled with Paul- Acts 16,10-13
- Called him, "Beloved!" Col 4,14

Luke

- Wrote in order to give an accurate account of the Christian events;
- Wrote to confirm the accuracy of what was orally relayed;
- Attributes his sources to "eyewitnesses."
Luke 1,1-4

Other N T writers: Companions of Apostles

James

- Brother of Jesus
- Jesus appeared to him after His resurrection, 1 Corinthians 15,7.
- Leader of the church in Jerusalem

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“Brother of James,”
Jude 1

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From these eye witnesses and their close associates, inspired by the Holy Spirit, came the New Testament Scriptures, what we believe and follow.

The Roman Catholic Source of Truth

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Roman Catholic source of truth

Par	Belief
75	The Gospel is the source of truth.
76	The Gospel was shared in writing and orally. This includes the institutions they established.
77	Apostolic authority was passed on to bishops, who would preserve the Gospel that was transmitted orally.
78	The oral Gospel is known as tradition.
79	God still communicates presently to the Church.

Roman Catholic source of truth

Par	Belief
80	Both tradition and Scripture come from the same source and have the same goal.
81	Oral tradition is also the Word of God given to the Apostles and transmitted to their successors- which they can expand.
82	Both Scripture and tradition are equally accepted and honored.
83	The oral tradition in question was given to the original apostles.
85	The task of interpreting the Word of God and oral tradition was only given to the bishops who descended from Peter.

Roman Catholic source of truth

Par	Belief
87	Believers are supposed to accept what their pastors tell them the truth is.
88	Dogmas proclaimed by the church bind oblige the members to adhere to them.

The Roman church, besides accepting the Scriptures as our rule of faith include what they call oral traditions that they claim originated from the Apostles.

Development of the Mary Doctrine

— [2nd Century: 2nd Eve*

— [4th Century: Mother of the church*

— [5th Century: Mother of God*

— [6th Century: Assumption*

— [1000: The Rosary

— [Middle Ages: Sinlessness*

— [1954: Feast Queen of heaven

These are the approximate dates these theories/practices were first known to be discussed.

*References: Wikipedia Contributors. "History of Roman Catholic Mariology." Wikipedia. Wikimedia Foundation, 11 May 2014. Web. 24 Oct. 2014.

According to Catholic Doctrine, these were believed & practiced during the days of the Apostles, but only communicated orally through the ages..until some Pope or bishop published them.

New Testament Truths

New Testament truths about Jesus

Truths about Jesus	Reference
The 2nd Adam	1 Cor 15, 45-49
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The new Eve; mother of living	Par 511; 489
The Mother of the Church	Par 963
Life long without sin	Dogma 157; Par 493
Ascended into heaven	Dogma 163; Par 966
The Queen	Par 966; Ad Caeli Reginam

Mary as Queen

Mary as Queen: Tradition

Queen of heaven feast initiated by Pope Pius XII in 1954

Claims that Mary sits at the right hand of God (16)

We are her subjects; she issues suggestions and commands. (43 & 51)

We are to approach her throne of grace and beg for strength; we are to gather and sing her praises. (48)

She is the powerful queen of creation whose radiant glance banishes storms and can subdue violence beneath her foot. (50)

No one is exempt from reverencing her. (51)

Mary as Queen: Bible

— [John was instructed to write what he saw in heaven. He saw the throne and Jesus, but did not see Mary.

— [Eight times in the New Testament, we are told by 4 different writers that Jesus is at the right hand of God, not Mary.

— [Hebrews 4,16 says we are to approach Jesus' throne to receive grace, not Mary.

— [Jesus is the one who subdues storms- Luke 8,24.

— [We are subject to Him alone! Ephesians 5,24; 1 Peter 3,22

— [Mary is not queen.

**Mary ascended to
heaven**

Mary ascended to heaven: Tradition

— [Mary already ascended body and soul to heaven, Dogma decreed by Pope Pius XII, 1950

— [Because she is supposedly free from sin, she is also free from corruption. (17)

— [Jesus is expected to honor His mother and since it was His power to do keep her body from decay, we must believe He did. (38)

— [Cite 2 Chronicles 6,41 as proof: Arise O Lord God to your resting place, you and the ark of your strength.

— [Those not believing this is subject to the wrath of Peter & Paul.(47)

References: Pope Pius XII. "Defining the Dogma of the Assumption." Apostolic Constitution of Pius XII. The Vatican, n.d. Web. Sept.-Oct. 2014.

Mary ascended to heaven: The Word

Catholics admit this has no Biblical basis; even Pius said that the theologians were liberal in their interpretation of Scriptures. (26)

The Apostle John did not see Mary in heaven.

All four writers of the Gospel reported on Jesus being raised from the dead. No eyewitness reported about Mary after Acts 1,14 when Luke reported her that she prayed with other believers.

Paul testified that everyone dies and will not be resurrected until His 2nd coming- 1 Corinthians 15,22 & 23.

We are not subject to wrath from Peter & Paul; Mary did not ascend bodily into heaven.

**Mary lifelong
without sin**

Mary lifelong without sin: Tradition

— [Dogma under Pope Pius IX, 1854

— [Catholic Catechism paragraphs 491 and 493.

— [In announcing to her about the birth of Jesus, Angel Gabriel expressed to her that she was full of grace. This grace, Catholics believe, exempted her from sin.

— [This exemption from sin extends from her birth and is effective throughout her life.

Mary lifelong without sin: The Word

— [Catholics admit that this has no Biblical basis.*

— [The Greek Word used for “full of grace” is charitoo. This same word charitoo, is used by Paul to describe every believer in Christ, yet we are not without sin. Ephesians 1,6

— [Paul goes on to say that everyone in the world has sinned, Romans 3,10. The Apostle John said that if we say we have not sinned, we are telling a lie, 1 John 1,8.

— [Mary was not without sin.

*Summers, Kris. "Answers to Recent Questions." Answers to Recent Questions. University of Dayton- The Marion Library, Aug.-Sept. 2010. Web. 23 Oct. 2014.

**Mary: The new Eve; the Mother of
all; the Mother of the church**

The New Eve; Mother of all; Mother of the church: The Word

— [These have no Scriptural basis.

— [Paul compares Jesus (2nd Adam) with Adam in 1 Corinthians 15,45-49 and in Romans 5,12-19.

— [Jesus is revealed as the Head of the Church in Ephesians 1,22, Eph 4,15, Eph 5,23, Colossians 1,18 & Col 2,19.

— [Mary is never compared with Eve, anywhere in the Bible. She is not regarded as the mother of all or the mother of the church.

Praying to Mary: Tradition

— [Was developed around the year 1000.

— [Her prayers deliver our souls from death.

Paragraph 966

— [She holds a saving office. Her intercession brings us gifts of salvation. Par 969

— [She hold the titles of Helper, Advocate, Benefactress and Mediatrix. Par 969

— [Devotion to Mary is intrinsic to Christian worship. We run to her in bad times and honor her through feasts and through the Rosary. Par 971

Praying to Mary: The Word

Prayer is only associated with God: Eph 1,16-17; 3,14.

“Lord, teach us to pray.” ... “Our Father...” Matt 6,9; Luke 11,1

Only Jesus is said to have an office of intercession: 1 John 2,1; Romans 8,34 & Hebrews 7,25.

He is our mediator: 1 Timothy 2,15; advocate: 1 John 2,1.

The Holy Spirit is our helper: John 14,26; 15,26 & 16,7.

It is wrong to pray to Mary.

Mary as the Mother of God

Mary as the Mother of God: Tradition

Called in the Gospels "the mother of Jesus", Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as "the mother of my Lord". In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly "Mother of God" (Theotokos).

"Catechism of the Catholic Church Second Edition." Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church of Picayune, MS. N.p., n.d. Web. 17 Nov. 2013, Paragraph 495.

Mary as the Mother of God: The Word

— [Jesus was God before His entrance in the world! John 1,1 & John 1,14; Hebrews 10,5

— [Existed before Mary: John 8,58; Colossians 1,16.

— [Declared “Lord” because of His obedience to come to the earth and die for us, Philippians 2,6-11

— [Mary was the mother of the Lord Jesus but not the mother of God.

Mary ever a Virgin

Jesus and His brothers and sisters

— [His brothers and sisters are with us...Matthew 13,55-56

— [Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers...Acts 1,14

— [Have we not a right to marry, as the apostles, the brothers of the Lord and Peter?...1 Corinthians 9,5

— [These are cousins according to Roman Catechism paragraphs 499 & 500.

Mary did not remain a virgin

Matthew 1,25: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

Knew: Biblical expression for sexual intimacy.

Until: Joseph and Mary were intimate after Jesus' birth.

Matthew used the word, "firstborn" (prototokos) instead of the the word for "only child" (monogene).
See also Luke 2,7

Mary in the Bible

Mary in the Bible

— [Was not without sin, Romans 3,23

— [Jesus directed praise away from her, Luke 11,27-28

— [Jesus separated His role from her role, He did not come to establish her in an eternal role

— [Was not mentioned in the Bible after Acts 1,14

— [Not one writer of the New Testament testified that he heard from either Jesus or the Holy Spirit any of the doctrines the Catholic Church falsely teach about Mary.

Mary in the Bible

— [Great woman of faith and obedience

— [Was a virgin who became pregnant through the Holy Spirit

— [Suffered much as His mother

— [A great example for all of us

Summary

— [The Roman Catholic claims about Mary are far removed from the truths of the Bible.

— [They justify this by saying that these truths were orally given by the Apostles and somehow passed down through the generations.

— [Paul warns about people teaching “fables” or “inventions” as doctrine, 2 Timothy 4,4.

— [They are nothing more than a counterfeit doctrine that runs parallel to the truths about Jesus and the Holy Spirit that in effect replace them in their roles.

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