

# BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER!

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## JOHN 19:26-27 ESV

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## MATTHEW 1:16 ESV

and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of **Mary**, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

















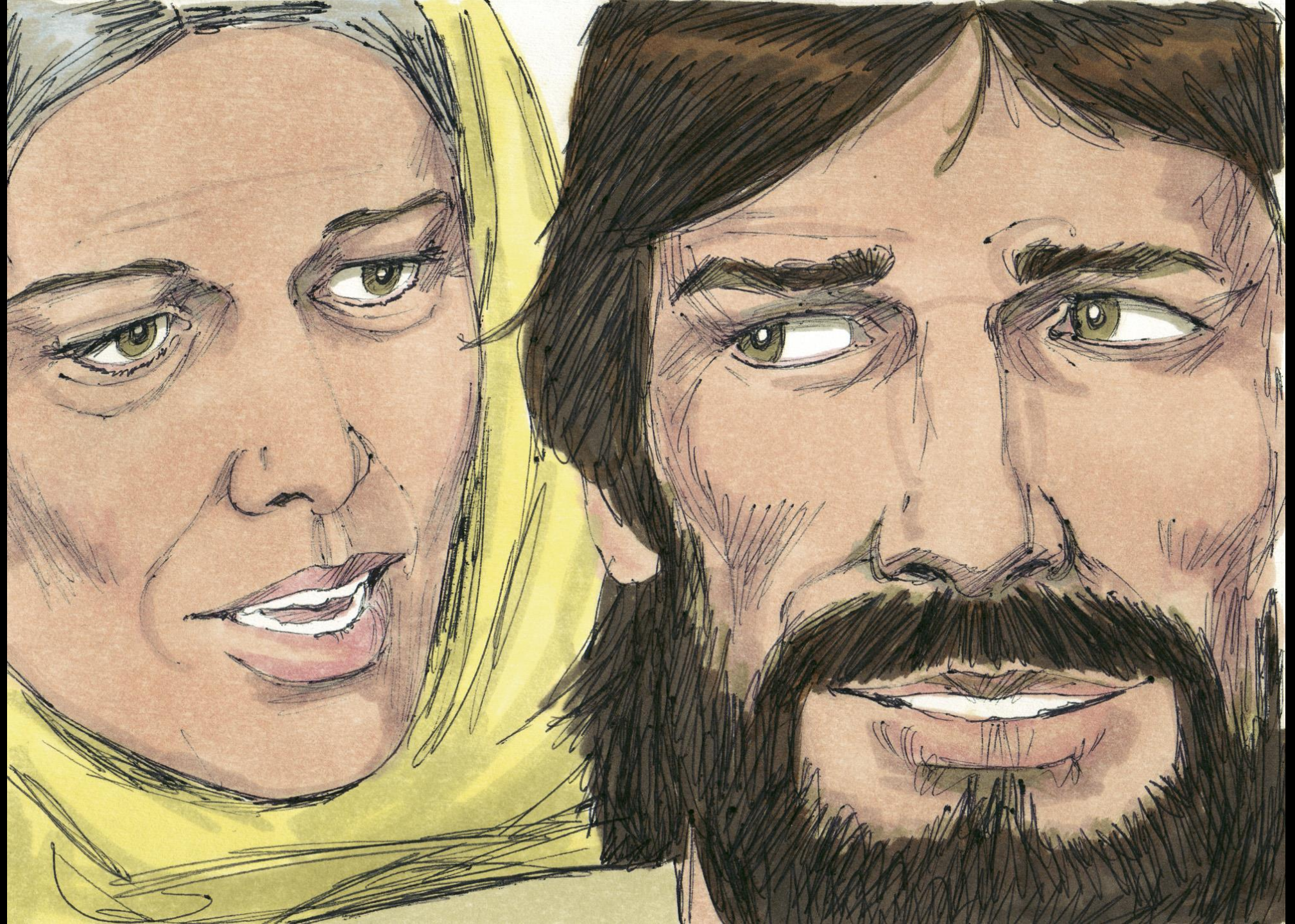


















## ACTS 1:14 ESV

All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and **Mary** the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.









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The Holy Quran

﴿ Surah 19 ﴾

سورة مريم

Surah Maryam (Chapter Mary)







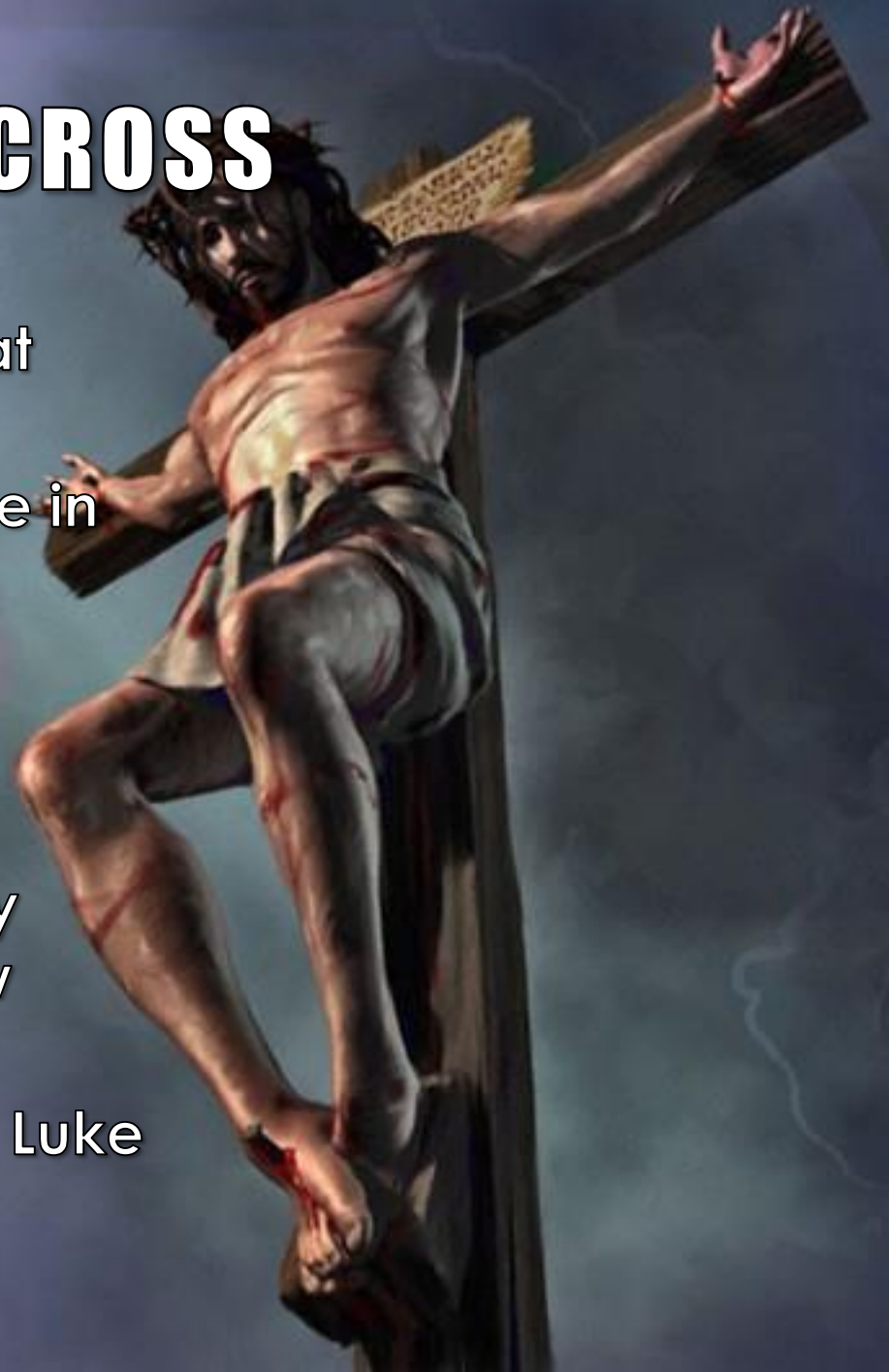
## LUKE 1:46-47 ESV

And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my **Savior**, for he has looked on the **humble** [*KJV low*] **estate** of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;”



# 7 TIMES JESUS SPOKE ON THE CROSS

1. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34
2. "Truly, I say to you today, you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 23:43
3. "Woman, behold, your son! ... Behold, your mother!" John 19:26-27
4. "I thirst." John 19:28
5. "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34
6. "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" Luke 23:46
7. "It is finished," John 19:30





## BEHOLD! – JOHN 19

- Behold the **man**! (John 19:5)
- Behold your **King**! (John 19:14)
- Behold your **son**! (John 19:26)
- Behold your **mother**! (John 19:27)
  
- Brooke Foss Westcott



# JESUS SPEAKS TO MARY

- John 19:26
  - “**Woman**, behold your son.”
- Luke 2:49
  - “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?”
- John 2:4
  - “**Woman**, what does this have to do with me [*KJV what have I to do with thee*]? My hour has not yet come.”







# THE DESIRE OF AGES, p. 146

This answer, abrupt as it seems to us, expressed no coldness or discourtesy. The Saviour's form of address to His mother was in accordance with Oriental custom. It was used toward persons to whom it was desired to show respect.

A portrait of Ellen Gould White, a woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a dark dress with a white collar. The portrait is positioned on the right side of the image, partially overlapping the text.

White, Ellen Gould: The Desire of Ages. Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1898; 2002, p. 146.



# THE DESIRE OF AGES, p. 146

Every act of Christ's earthly life was in harmony with the precept He Himself had given, "Honor thy father and thy mother." Exodus 20:12. On the cross, in His last act of tenderness toward His mother, Jesus again addressed her in the same way, as He committed her to the care of His best-loved disciple.



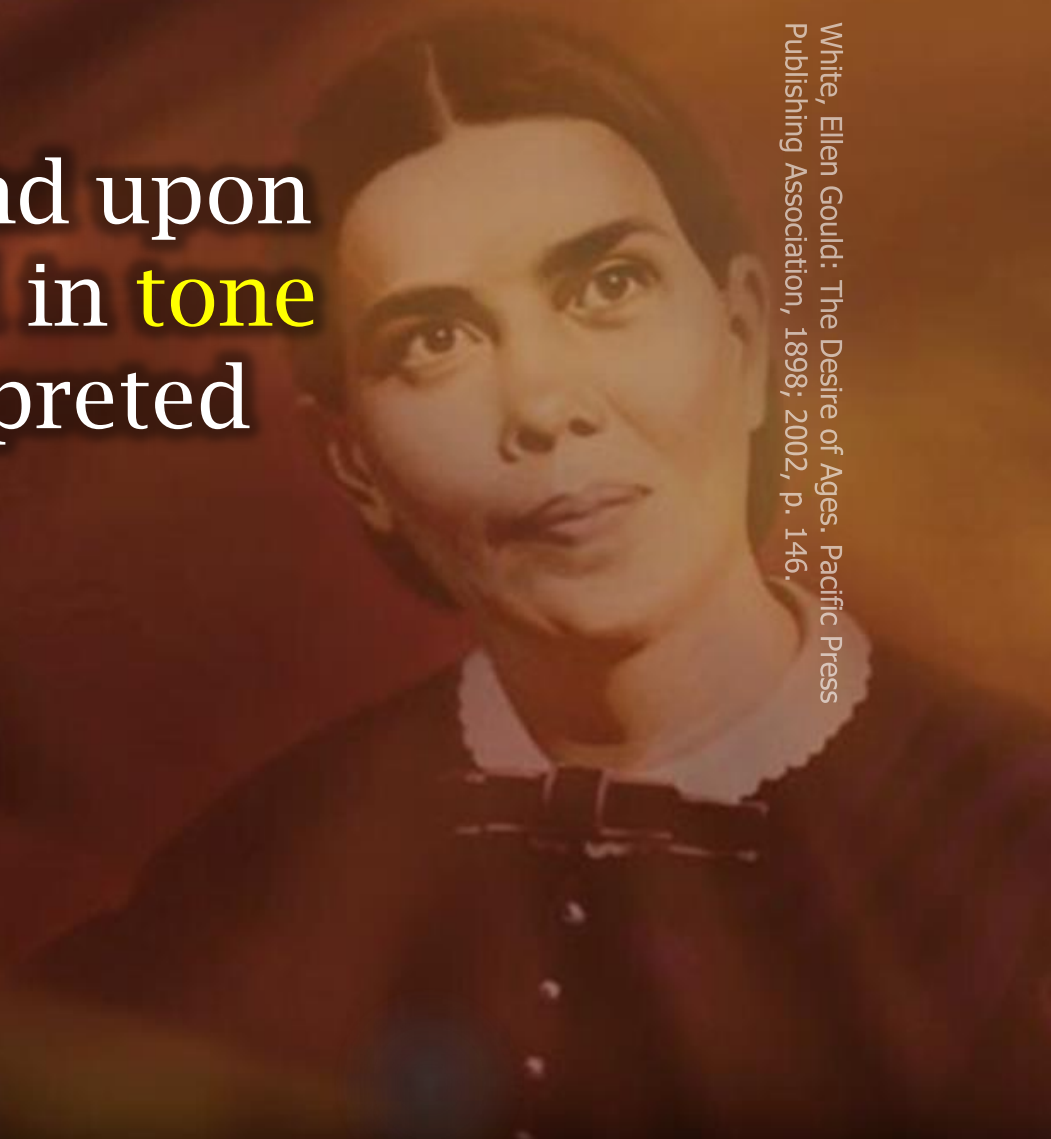
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Both at the marriage feast and upon  
the **cross**, the **love** expressed in **tone**  
and **look** and **manner** interpreted  
His words.

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## EXODUS 20:12 ESV

**Honor** your **father** and your **mother**, that  
your days may be long in the land that  
the LORD your God is giving you.



## EPHESIANS 6:1-3 ESV

Children, **obey** your **parents** in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your **father** and **mother**” (this is the first commandment with a promise), that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”



## LUKE 2:51-52 ESV

And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was **submissive** (*KJV subject*) to **them**. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.



# THE DESIRE OF AGES, p. 752

As the eyes of Jesus wandered over the multitude about Him, one figure arrested His attention. At the foot of the cross stood His **mother**, supported by the disciple John. She could not endure to remain away from her Son; and John, knowing that the end was near, had brought her again to the cross. **In His dying hour, Christ remembered His mother.**



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Looking into her grief-stricken face and then upon John, He said to her, “Woman, behold thy son!” then to John, “Behold thy **mother!**” John understood Christ’s words, and accepted the trust. He at once took Mary to his home, and from that hour cared for her tenderly. **O pitiful, loving Saviour; amid all His physical pain and mental anguish, He had a thoughtful care for His mother!**



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## MALACHI 4:5-6 NIV

See, I will send you the prophet Elijah **before** that **great and dreadful day** of the **LORD** comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.



## DEUTERONOMY 32:6 NIV

Is this the way you repay the LORD, O foolish and unwise people? Is He not your **Father**, your Creator, who made you and formed you?



# KNOW ME, KNOW FATHER

John 14:7 ESV

If you had **known me**, you would have **known my Father** also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

John 8:19 ESV

They said to him therefore, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You **know neither me nor my Father**. If you **knew me**, you would **know my Father** also.”



# DENYING MY EXISTENCE

Exodus 21:15 ESV

Whoever **strikes** his father or his mother  
shall be put to death.

Exodus 21:17 ESV

Whoever **curses** his father or his mother  
shall be put to death.



## **ACTS 17:28 ESV**

For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we are indeed his offspring.”



## LEVITICUS 19:1-3 ESV

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,  
“Speak to all the congregation of the  
people of Israel and say to them, You  
shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am  
holy. Every one of you shall **revere his  
mother and his father**, and you shall **keep  
my Sabbaths**: I am the LORD your God.

# THE DESIRE OF AGES, p. 752

The perfect example of Christ's **filial love** shines forth with undimmed luster from the mist of ages. For nearly **thirty years** Jesus by His daily toil had **helped bear the burdens of the home**. And now, even in His last agony, He remembers to provide for His sorrowing, widowed mother. **The same spirit will be seen in every disciple of our Lord**. Those who follow Christ will feel that it is a **part of their religion** to **respect and provide for their parents**. From the heart where His love is cherished, father and mother will never fail of receiving thoughtful care and tender sympathy.

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