

Reflecting Jesus

B. Her _____ would turn to _____

In Luke 23:43 ... Jesus said to one of the thieves on the cross ... **to-day thou shalt be with me in paradise.** Mary was there when Jesus spoke these words meaning that she could be assured that her Son was going to heaven. The best assurance a mother could ever hope for is that her child is going to heaven when they die.

The Biblical truth is this ... for mothers who have gone on before us to heaven, the only way we will see them again is through faith in Jesus Christ and how blessed a mother is when she knows her child will be there too.

The first three things we can apply to our lives and also give to our living mothers. The last thing Jesus gave to Mary ... only He can give to our living mothers.

IV: Jesus Gave Mary _____: v28-30

Mary's role in Jesus' life was an earthly and not a heavenly role And her role in Jesus' life was now complete. But now, just as Mary took care of Jesus' needs, Jesus is now, by way of His death, burial and resurrection is ready, willing, and able to take care of Mary's needs. Regardless of what other religions may teach or say, Mary needed a Savior just like everyone you and me and by faith Jesus' crucifixion, His burial, and His resurrection, Mary gained access to the Father through the Son.

You, too, have access to the Father this morning. **Jesus saith unto Him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me.** (John 14:6)

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John 19:25-30

If anyone knew the importance of mothers it was Jesus. His word commands to honour thy father and thy mother. And while Jesus honoured Mary throughout the Gospels, it was at His crucifixion that we find Jesus demonstrating for us what true honour looks like.

This morning, as we celebrate and honour mothers, we will look at four ways that Jesus honoured Mary and how we can reflect them in our lives as we seek to honour our mothers and motherhood.

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I: Jesus Gave Mary His _____: v26

As He hangs on the cross, struggling for every breath, his body is beaten and bloodied, spikes through His hands and feet tearing at His flesh ... the Bible says that Jesus sees His mother.

A. Jesus _____ His mother

According to verse 25, Mary wasn't there alone. There were many other ladies present at Jesus crucifixion. Through the confusion, through the blood on His face perhaps running into His eyes, nose, mouth, through all of it He notices His mother.

B. Jesus was _____ for His mother

Even as He was dying on the cross Jesus took responsibility for the caring of His mother after He was gone. As the first-born Son, the responsibility to care for his parents in their old age fell upon Him and He took this responsibility very seriously.

We can reflect Jesus' actions by giving our mothers the same attention to our mothers as He gave to Mary. By noticing their value, their blessings and their sacrifices; by recognizing our responsibilities to take care of them and honour them.

II: Jesus Gave Mary His _____: v26

As Jesus expressed His love to the world by dying on the cross for the sins of man, He also expressed His love specifically to Mary.

He gave her affection in the way He ...

A. _____ His mother

Jesus addresses Mary as "Woman," not "mother."

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Some perhaps view this Jesus being irritated or disrespectful but we must understand the context of this title. First, He is not being disrespectful but rather by this title He is severing His human/family relationship to provide a better relationship with Mary. In other words, He was dying, not simply as her son but now, more importantly, as Her Savior.

B. Jesus showed her affection _____

Some men are ashamed to publicly show affection to their mother for fear of what "the guys" might think but Jesus was not ashamed to express His affection for His mother even as He was dying on the cross.

There is nothing wrong with a card, flowers, or candy on Mother's Day but don't forget to show her you love her with hugs and warm embraces because many this morning would give anything to have just to have one more hug from their Mama.

III: Jesus Gave Mary _____: v26-27

When Jesus says to Mary ... **Woman, behold thy son!**²⁷ **Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother!** ... it is through these words that Jesus was assuring Mary that ...

A. Her _____ would be met
Jesus is assuring His mother that He has fulfilled His sonly and earthly responsibilities and that from this point forward John will be the one to provide for her and take care of her.
