



# GREAT WOMEN of the BIBLE

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# Mary

## The Mother of Jesus

**M**ARY was a simple girl from the town of Nazareth. One day an angel appeared to her and asked her to be the mother of Jesus, the Son of God. She trusted in God and said, “Your will be done.”

By a miracle, even though she was not married to any man, she bore that child. He was born in Bethlehem, the city where His foster father, Joseph had taken them.

Mary, Joseph, and the Child then had to flee to Egypt in order to escape King Herod who wanted to kill Jesus.

When Jesus left his home to preach, Mary remained at home and, again, trusted in God. She was under the cross when her son died, and Jesus entrusted her to John who took care of her for the rest of her life on earth.

After Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, Mary, too, was taken up into heaven body and soul. From there she listens to our prayers and comes to our aid.



# Mary Magdalene

## A Woman Who Saw the Risen Jesus

**M**ARY Magdalene was a woman who loved Jesus very much. She had been very sick, and we are told that she had seven demons.

Jesus prayed over her and freed her from those demons. For this, she was very grateful.

Mary then followed Jesus and His Apostles and helped to take care of their needs. She helped with shopping, cooking, and washing clothes.

When Jesus died, Mary was at the foot of the cross even when most of His disciples had run away. Then, on Sunday morning, she went to the garden where Jesus was buried to anoint His body. She found the tomb empty and met Jesus there.

Jesus told Mary that He had risen from the dead. She ran off to spread the Good News to the Apostles and the other friends of Jesus.