

**James D. Tabor, *The Lost Mary: Rediscovering the Mother of Jesus*
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Mary/Mother in the New Testament

Birth

Matthew 1 & 2: Genealogy of Joseph; conception of Jesus; Joseph's dream; birth of Jesus; flight to Egypt; settling in Nazareth

Luke 1 & 2: Annunciation; visit to Elizabeth; birth of Jesus; back to Nazareth

Genealogy of "Mary" as Priestly *and* Davidic (Luke 3:23-38)

Age Twelve in Jerusalem

Jesus at age 12: His mother said...Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously (Luke 2:48); His mother kept all these things in her heart (Luke 2:51)

Wedding at Cana

Mother mentioned but not named at wedding at Cana (John 2:1-12)

Jesus takes his mother and brothers to Capernaum after wedding at Cana (John 2:12)

At Capernaum

And his mother and his brothers came...contrast to disciples (Mark 3:31; Matt 12:46; Luke 8:19; cf. Luke 11:27-28, indirect reference)

At Nazareth

Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James, Joses and Judas, and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us? (Mark 6:3)

Is not his mother called Mary? (Matthew 13:55)

Is this not Jesus son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? (John 6:42)

In Jerusalem

We were not born of fornication; you are a Samaritan (John 8:41, 48)

At the Crucifixion

Standing by the cross were his mother and "her sister" Mary wife of Clopas (John 19:25)

Mary the mother of James & Jose (Mark 15:40, 47); Mary the mother of James (Mark 16:1 Luke 24:10) The "other Mary" (Matthew 27:56, 61; 28:1)

With Twelve after Jesus Death

Mary, the mother of Jesus and his brothers in Jerusalem after Jesus' death with Twelve (Acts 1:14)

Paul

God sent forth his son, born of a woman, born under the Law (Galatians 4:4)

Jesus' Paternity in the New Testament

Is this not Joseph's son? Luke 4:22 at Nazareth

Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? Matthew 13:55

Jesus...being as was supposed, of Joseph Luke 3:23

Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph John 1:45

Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? John 6:42

We were not born of fornication; you are a Samaritan (John 8:41, 48)

Jesus, you son of David, have mercy on me; Mark 10:47-48; Matthew 20:30; Luke 18:38-39

Have mercy on us you son of David Matt 12:23; 15:22; 20:30; 21:9, 15

Descended from David, according to the flesh Rom 1:3

For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah Hebrews 7:14

The Fading of Mary in Luke-Acts

Assumptions: Priority of Mark; Luke-Acts is rewritten Mark + Q Source + L source

Birth/Childhood of John the Baptist and Jesus (Luke 1-2)
Genealogy (Luke 3:23-38)

At Capernaum

His mother and brothers were standing outside, crowd preventing them from getting in, Jesus is told, and declares: “Who is my mother and brothers?” “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whosoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother. (Mark 3:31-35)

“Your mother and brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you.” But he said to them: “My mother and brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.” (Luke 8:19-20). Cf. Luke 11:27-28.

At Nazareth

Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us? (Mark 6:3)

Is this not Joseph’s son? (Luke 4:22b)

At the Crucifixion of Jesus

There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses and Salome, who, when he was in Galilee followed him and ministered to him; and also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem. (Mark 15:40-41)

And all his those who knew him, and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance and saw these things (Luke 23:49)

At the Burial

Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid (Mark 15:47)

The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and saw the tomb, and how his body was laid (Luke 23:55)

At the Tomb

And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen (Mark 16:1-2)

On the first day of the week at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared (Luke 24:1)

v. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles (Luke 24:10)

In Jerusalem

Followers devoted to prayer together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers (Acts 1:14)

And he said, Tell this to James and the brothers...(Acts 12:17)

After this James replied...My decision is...(Acts 15:12-19) Cf. Gal 1:19; 2:9 “James the Lord’s brother”

On the following day Paul went in with us to James and all the elders were present (Acts 21:18)