



MARY ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURE

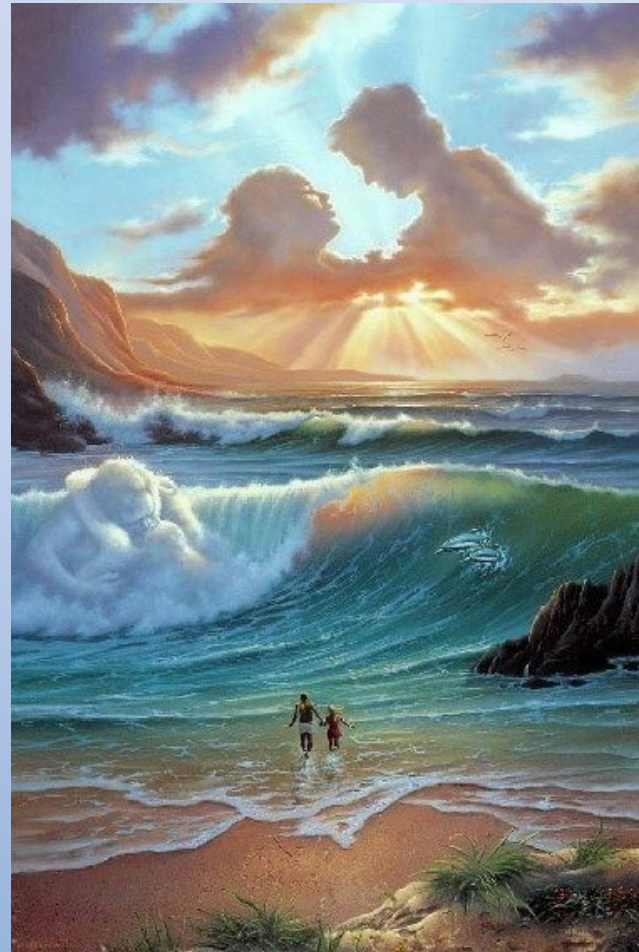
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The Witness of Scripture: A Trajectory of Grace and Hope

(Old Testament)

- God created people in love
- God created them into the divine image
- God offered a covenant of grace (for example):
 - Noah
 - Abraham
 - Moses



The Witness of Scripture: A Trajectory of Grace and Hope (New Testament)

- Major aim is obedience to Christ
- Accept God's word and keep it in your heart
- Mary is a great example of obedience.
- „Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it done to me according to your word“ (Luke 1:38)



Mary in Matthew's Birth Narrative

- „The Genesis of Jesus Christ.“
- New possibility of salvation
- *„Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. (Math 1:23)“*



Mary in Luke's Birth Narrative

- Mary is important from the beginning
- Two important passages
 - Annunciation
 - Visit to Elizabeth
- Mary sings the song Magnificat
- „All generations will call me blessed” (1:48).



The Virginal Conception

- Signs of the presence and work of the Holy Spirit
- New birth of every Christian
- *„Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (John 3:3-5)“*



Mary and the True Family of Jesus

- „Behold your mother and your brothers (Mark 3:31),„
- Anyone who fulfills the will of God is Jesus' family.



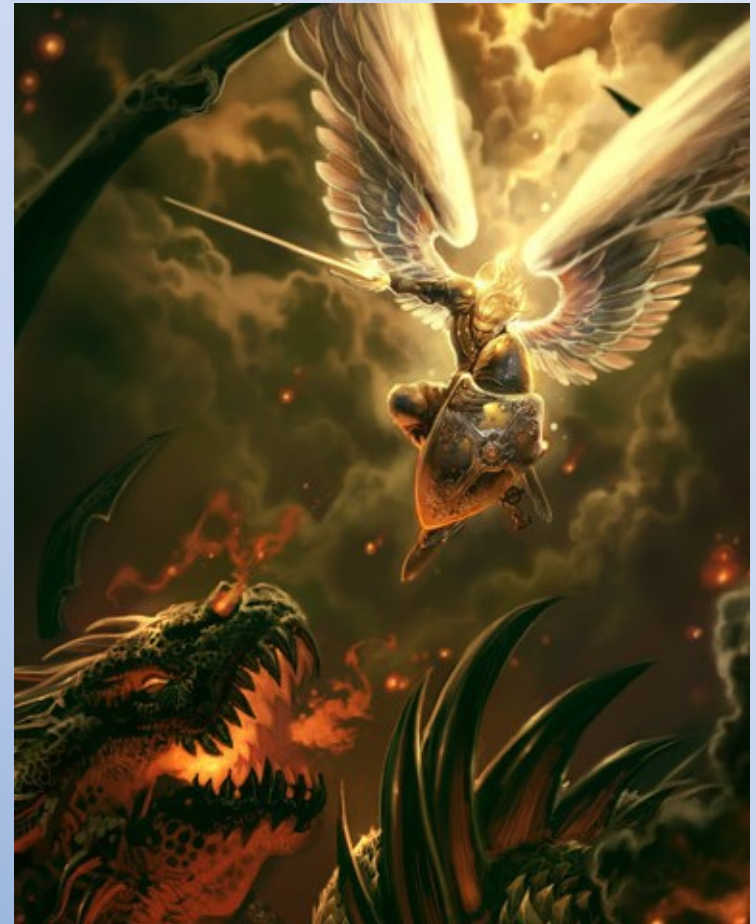
Mary in John's Gospel

- Two important moments:
 - Wedding at Cana
 - ✓ Beginning of Jesus' signs
 - ✓ Symbolizes God's feast
 - ✓ Changing the role of Mary as Jesus' mother
 - Mary under the cross
 - ✓ Mary shared with Jesus suffering until the last moment
 - ✓ The last words of Jesus belonged to Mary: „Behold your son" and pointed to his disciple



The Woman in Revelation

- This book is full of metaphorical images
- Ultimate victory of God's faithful.
- Mary is here indirectly mentioned as the mother of a boy who is to rule all nations



Scriptural Reflection

- All believers are summoned to call Mary „blessed“
- This woman gave unconditional assent to the fulfillment of God's saving plan
- We can also participate in Jesus' victory over the powers of evil





The end