

Women Encountering Jesus- Lesson #3: Mary Lets Go

Jesus at age 12

Luke 2:41-52

- At age 12, Mary probably had a stark reminder that she would have to let go of Jesus
 - o Is it hard to let go? Why?
 - o Why is it important to gradually let go of our kids?

Jesus Grows Up

Luke 2: 40- *The child grew and became strong.*

Luke 2: 52- Jesus remained in his household until his ministry began at age 30.

- He *submitted* to his parents.
- Joseph died sometime during this time period.
- More about Mary's influence.

Jesus the Adult

Jesus turns water to wine

John 2:4- This is the story of Jesus' first public miracle, turning water to wine.

- Mary didn't understand what Jesus was going to do but she trusted him to do what was right.

There may be situations we are in that we don't understand. However, God will work it out the best way.

John 2:5- Mary submits. See how the tables are turned? Mary submits to Jesus.

- We may think we know how to take care of our problems, but Jesus may have a completely different plan.

Mary and Jesus' brothers think he is a zealot

Mark 3:21, 31-34

- Jesus' family thought he was a zealot or a religious fanatic.
- Mary also thought this, not just Jesus' brothers
- Mary knew Jesus was special but not like this.
- No one wants their kid to be ridiculed.
- Sometimes, your family will be the harshest critic

God may not reveal His plan for our lives in the way we want or expect.

Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

John 19: 25-27

- Jesus concerned about his Mom
- Jesus showed love for his family
- Mary witnessed Jesus' death!

***** Mary was present after Jesus' death

Acts 1:14—Mary was present at the Ascension. She got it! She transformed from doting Mommy to follower of Christ.