

WHY IS MARY CRYING ?

Poor Mary. Her heart is broken...



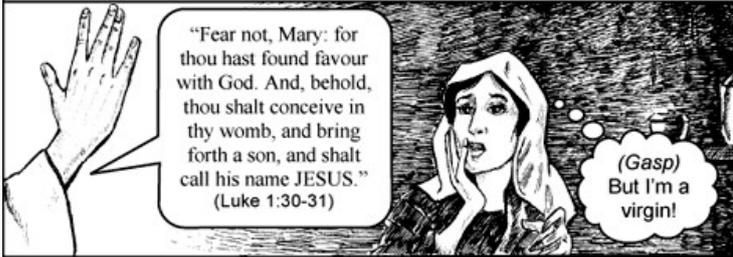
...by the very ones who love her.

How can this be? Mary is honored and loved worldwide by the faithful.

But they have not done what she asked them to do.



Mary was an example to people everywhere.

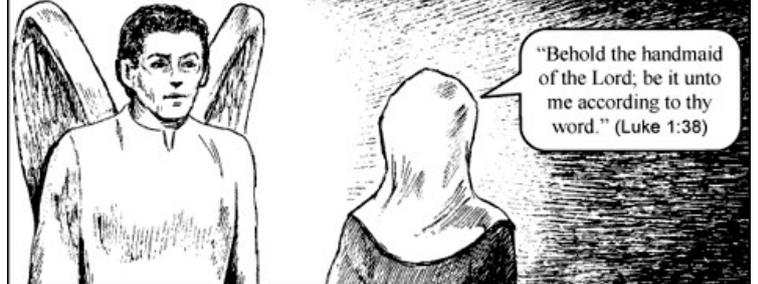


"Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS." (Luke 1:30-31)

(Gasp) But I'm a virgin!

Mary knew her life would be in danger... She would be accused of adultery and could be stoned to death under Jewish law.

But Mary was willing to obey God at any cost. She said...



"Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." (Luke 1:38)

Soon the baby was born and Mary did something surprising.

In Luke 1:46-47, Mary had already admitted that she needed a Saviour, so in obedience she brought her sin* offering of two turtledoves to the temple, like all Jewish mothers. (Luke 2:21-24)



The Scriptures say: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23)

*Leviticus 12:6-8

Once again, Mary obeyed God's Word.

That same day God revealed this truth to Mary by a man named Simeon. He gave her this prophecy:



"Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."*

*Luke 2:34,35

He was right, but Mary never thought it would happen like this:

She saw her son crucified... but Jesus came to this earth as the Lamb of God. He shed His precious blood as a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world... including her own.



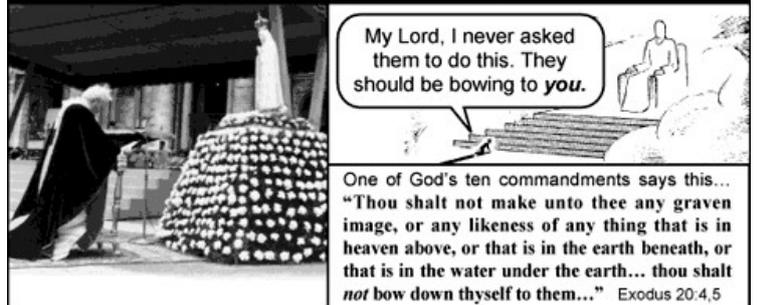
"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Truly, this was the Son of God.

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Mary's tears should have ended here, but...

Mary is embarrassed, because the people are bowing down to statues of her.

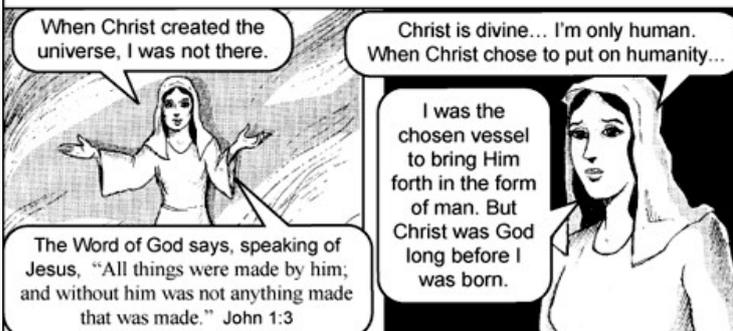


My Lord, I never asked them to do this. They should be bowing to **you**.

One of God's ten commandments says this... "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth... thou shalt not bow down thyself to them..." Exodus 20:4,5

Mary would never be a part of this!

Mary sheds tears because men call her "The Mother of God."



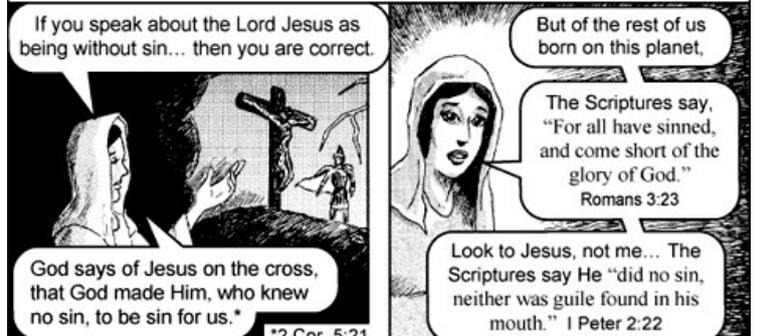
When Christ created the universe, I was not there.

Christ is divine... I'm only human. When Christ chose to put on humanity...

I was the chosen vessel to bring Him forth in the form of man. But Christ was God long before I was born.

The Word of God says, speaking of Jesus, "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made." John 1:3

Mary weeps because men teach she was really sinless.



If you speak about the Lord Jesus as being without sin... then you are correct.

But of the rest of us born on this planet,

The Scriptures say, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

God says of Jesus on the cross, that God made Him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us.*

*2 Cor. 5:21

Look to Jesus, not me... The Scriptures say He "did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." 1 Peter 2:22

Mary is crying for the deceived multitudes who look to her as a mediatrix... and pray to her.

There are not two mediators! Only **one!** Read carefully what the Scriptures say:

"For there is one God, and **one mediator** between God and men, the man **Christ Jesus.**"
1 Timothy 2:5



Beloved, you've been lied to... I'm not a mediatrix...

Jesus loves you — you must trust in Him... He's the only one we can go to as a mediator.

CAN I SHOW YOU A VERY SCARY THING?

The Bible says, "There is none righteous, no, not one..."*

When Jesus prayed at the brook Cedron...



He called to God, His Father in heaven, by a name so sacred that it appears only once in the Scriptures. The term is "HOLY FATHER." (See John 17:11.)

The Roman Catholic pope:

- Calls himself "HOLY FATHER."** But this title belongs only to God, the Father in heaven.
- He sits as **CHRIST**** in the Vatican.
- And when he speaks ex cathedra, he speaks for God, in place of **THE HOLY SPIRIT.*****

This man is given, in essence, all the titles of the Triune Godhead combined.

*MODERN CATHOLIC DICTIONARY by John A. Hardon, S.J., (1980), p. 253. **Ibid, p. 561 ***Dogmatic Canons and Decrees (1912), p. 256. (See also John 14:26 and 16:13).

Jesus said, "I am the **WAY, the TRUTH,** and the **LIFE:** NO MAN cometh unto the Father, but by me."
John 14:6

The Bible says that Jesus Christ is **THE WORD** of God.*



But did you know that Jesus warns us about **another Christ?**
A very **dangerous** type of Christ?*

*John 1:1-2 **2 Cor. 11:3-4

"... what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" (Matthew 24:3)

"...Take heed that no man deceive you." (Matt. 24:4)



NOW, ISN'T THAT JUST A LITTLE PRESUMPTUOUS?

Does he actually think he's God? Remember...the popes are supposed to be infallible.* Look at what they've said:

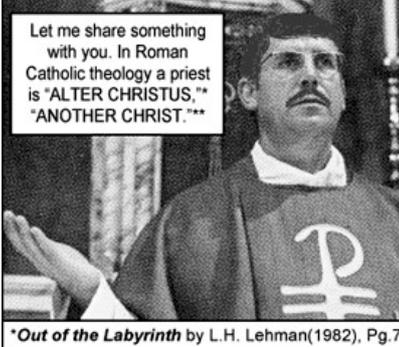
- Pope Innocent III: "He (the pope) judges all and is judged by no one."**
- Pope Boniface VIII: "We declare, assert, define and pronounce: To be **subject to the Roman pontiff is to every human creature altogether necessary for salvation.******
- Pope Leo XIII: "We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty."†

Sermon on the Consecration of a Pope," *Patrologia Latina*, 217, columns 657-658. *Conclusion of the Papal Bull *Unam Sanctam* (1302). †Great Encyclical Letters of Pope Leo XIII, (1903), p. 304.

What does the Bible say about a man who calls himself God? (See 2 Thess. 2:3-4)

*When speaking on matters regarding faith or morals. **Dogmatic Canons and Decrees**, p. 256.

Let me share something with you. In Roman Catholic theology a priest is "ALTER CHRISTUS," "ANOTHER CHRIST."**



All through history, hundreds of thousands of "Christs" have performed great signs and wonders worldwide.

What are these great signs and wonders?

*Out of the Labyrinth by L.H. Lehman(1982), Pg.7

**2 Cor. 11:2-4

Roman Catholic doctrine** claims the priest is so powerful that he can, at his command, call Jesus Christ out of heaven.**



They believe Christ must leave the glories of heaven.

*Dogmatic Canons and Decrees, p. 81, "On the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist," Canon I. **The Dignity and Duties of the Priest by Liguori, Ch. 1, Part III.

They say that the Creator of all things* must obey the wishes of the priest...



...to humble Himself, to become a piece of bread, to be handled by this all powerful man-God, the holy priest of Rome.

*John 1:3; Ephesians 3:9

Jesus Christ, King of kings, who will judge every lost soul at the Great White Throne judgment...



Is supposed to let Himself be eaten by anyone the priest gives Him to.

This Roman Catholic priest is more than a god... "He is the creator of his Creator."**



This is Roman Catholic doctrine. To deny it, is to be accused and damned as a heretic.

*Dignity and Duties of the Priest, Ch. 1 Part IV.

The Eucharist is the piece of bread that has been "changed" into Jesus Christ.



That wafer is placed in the "tabernacle" on the Roman Catholic altar and worshipped as God.*

*Modern Catholic Dictionary, by John A. Hardon, S.J., pg.530

Where is Jesus Christ?



There, Father.

There is Christ.

According to Roman Catholic doctrine, Jesus Christ can be physically found in every Roman Catholic "Church," world-wide.

This contradicts Jesus' words! See Matthew 24:26.

When the priest places the Eucharist (the wafer they claim is Jesus) in the monstrance...



MONSTRANCE

HERE IS CHRIST.

Faithful Roman Catholics kneel before their Jesus to adore Him or kiss Him.*

*Dogmatic Canons and Decrees, p. 83, "On the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist," Canon VI.

When Jesus was on the earth He gave this warning:



"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not!" Matthew 24:23

Who are Roman Catholics to believe? Their priest?...or Christ?

If Roman Catholic teaching disagrees with God's Holy words, **it is wrong** in God's eyes!



Jesus said: "If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15

God's word says: "To obey is better than sacrifice." 1 Samuel 15:22

Why must the sacrifice of the mass go on and on? Surely Jesus wasn't lying when He said:



"...IT IS FINISHED..."**

God's word says:

"For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands... but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." Hebrews 9:24

*John 19:30 & Matthew 27:50

When you sin, you get paid. What? Death. You Earn Death. Which is why everyone dies. Everyone sins, so everyone dies. Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. -- When we sin, we die. BUT we just have to TAKE eternal life to have it. If I had a gift for you, what would you have to do to get it? Be my friend? pay me? say thank you? None of these. Here it is. You would just have to take it. It is free. Let me show you another bible verse John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: -- All you have to do is receive Jesus Christ to receive eternal life and become a child of God. You receive Jesus by calling on his name. Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. -- Jesus is standing at the door of your heart and knocking. Would you like to let him in? Repeat these words after me, out loud:

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, I have heard your word and respond to your call. I say yes to Jesus, I say yes to salvation and I say no to sin, and to satan. I repent of my sin, I commit my life to you. I believe with my heart what I now speak with my mouth, that I am a child of God, and Jesus Christ is my Saviour, I am born again. I believe it and I receive it and I thank you for it, in the name of Jesus, Amen. The Bible says in Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. -- You have confessed the Lord Jesus with your mouth so you shall be saved.

You face a very important decision. Your eternal destiny depends on it. God's Holy Word will judge you when you stand before the Lord Jesus Christ.



Will you choose to believe God...or men?

Get the point?

*Heb.9:25-26 **Heb.9:28 ***Heb.10:11-12