

DEEP IN SCRIPTURE

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John 19:25b-27

25b: But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Mag'dalene.

26: When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"

27: Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Discussion Notes:

1: WHEN? Crucifixion of Jesus

- John's context: the 2nd to last event on the Cross:
 - 4th to last: Title: "King of the Jews" [ALL gospels]
 - 3rd to last: Division of garments [only in John]
 - 2nd to last: women & acquaintances near Cross [all with variations]
 - Last: "I thirst" [only said in John]
 - Vinegar [all gospels]
 - "It is finished." [only said in John; variation in Luke]
- A distinct unit: Oral tradition; trustworthy?

2. WHERE?

- "Standing by the Cross" vs. "from afar" [Mt, Mk, & Lk]

3. WHO?

- "His mother" [only in John]
- "his mother's sister" [only John]
- "Mary the wife of Clopas" [only John]
- "Mary Magdalene [Mt, Mk, & Jn]
- "Many women who had followed him from Galilee" [Mt, Mk, Lk]
- "and his acquaintances" [Lk]
- Mary the mother of James & Joseph [Mt & Mk}
- The mother of the sons of Zebedee [Mt]
- "The disciple whom Jesus loved" [only John]

- How do we reconcile these lists?
 - Why is John the only Gospel writer to mention Jesus' mother?!
 - Who is "the disciple whom Jesus loved"?
- 4. WHAT? *Key important occurrences:***
- "When Jesus saw . . ."
 - Jesus spoke to his mother & John
 - "Woman, behold your son"
 - "Behold your mother"
 - "From that hour the disciple took her to his own home."
- 5. WHY? *Meaning(s) of these occurrences:***
- "saw them standing near . . ." (purposefully focused on them; important!)
 - "woman" = "gunai"
 - "Behold your son . . . behold your mother"
 1. Did Jesus have siblings?
 2. Implications for Church?
 - "From that hour . . ."
- 6. SO WHAT? *Implications for our walk with Jesus Christ?***
- How has this been understood throughout the history of the Church?
 - What does this say about our own sonship?
 - What does this say about our relationship to Mary?