

# Behold Thy Son!

John 19:25-27

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**FOCAL Read Responsively** John 19:25-27 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. **(26) When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! (27) Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.**

We can only imagine the chaotic murmuring of the crowd and the confusion that reigned on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified. Though this day began like any other – the sun rose in the east – it quickly degraded into absolute anarchy. The inhumanity of man to his fellow creature was at a fever pitch as this Jesus of Nazareth was tormented, tortured, beaten, and made to carry His own Cross to that hill called Golgotha. It was obvious that the devil ruled this day. This became more obvious as the crowd cried out, **“Release the murderer Barabbas (Matthew 27:22) and crucify Jesus!”** Satan the Author of Confusion ruled the day. Murder the innocent, release the guilty. Nothing made sense.

Chaos nailed the Savior to the tree. Mockery raised its head and laughed as He groaned. Greed played games, casting lots for His robe while He hung above bleeding and dying. Yet God did as He always does – He brought order out of disorder, harmony out of disharmony, peace where only confusion once reigned. This is the Way of God – this has always been His Way. When the **“earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep” (Genesis 1:2)** the **“Lord moved**

**upon the face of the waters”**. He brought light into darkness in the beginning of creation. He would bring light into the darkness that was Golgotha this very day.

The Lord loves to bring light into the darkness.

**Three Marys** stood at the foot of the Cross, watching the agony of our Lord Jesus as He hung there, mocked and bleeding, dying for you and for me. One of these Marys (called Magdalene) watched the Savior as He hung between Heaven and Hell, between earth and the skies. The Savior had done so much for her. This was the Mary Magdalene who

**Luke 8:2 ... had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,**

Mary Magdalene had been demon possessed. Her life was without form and void when the Savior came to her and healed her. As she watched her Jesus suffering on that terrible Cross her heart broke. The Lord would heal this broken heart later when Mary would be the first person to see Him resurrected (**Mark 16:9**), though now Jesus could say nothing to her. Jesus would not speak to Mary Magdalene, nor would He speak to **Mary the wife of Cleopas**. He would speak to these later, but not now.

Straining under the suffering of the Cross, gasping for breath, Jesus – God in the flesh – wanted to bring order out of confusion for one person only. Jesus made seven statements from the Cross. His first word was *the word of forgiveness*:

**"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34)**

The second word, the *word of assurance*, was spoken to an unnamed thief who called on Jesus to bring order to his previously ruined life:

**"And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:42-43)**

The third word from the Cross sought to restore order to the Family. The Bible says:

**FOCAL John 19:26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!**

God loves the family, and chose to bring light into darkness through the family. God used this Mary to create the humanity that He would indwell. We do not understand how God could do this, but we read the words spoken unto Mary:

**Luke 1:35 ... The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that**

**holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.**

And affirm that God chose Mary to be His tool in the formation of the humanity of the Messiah. God would do a miraculous thing in bringing Himself to humanity through Mary. Born of the Virgin through the very power of God the Lord would stoop low to bring light into darkness. Born into this world of human mother and Divine power Jesus would grow into manhood, do good, and at the time appointed by God go to Calvary shedding His Blood for our sins. Light could not come into this present darkness without His sacrifice. He must redeem, He must pay the penalty for sin. He must restore the order that was lost in the Garden of Eden when man obeyed the created rather than the Creator, the angel rather than the Lord of Hosts.

**Blessed Redeemer! Precious Redeemer!  
Seems now I see Him on Calvary's tree;  
Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading,  
Blind and unheeding, dying for me! <sup>1</sup>**

Mary was blessed beyond measure! How glorious that God would use her to bring redemption to humanity. But now it is if a knife is tearing through her soul. Here is the Child she so loved, the Child she bore, now in pain and anguish. Darkness consumes Mary as they mock Him. Then her Son speaks:

**FOCAL** John 19:26-27 ... **Woman, behold thy**

<sup>1</sup> Blessed Redeemer, Words by Avis M. Christiansen, Music by Harry D. Loes 1920

**son! (27) Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother!**

It is no coincidence that the third word from the Cross deals with the Family. God loves the family, and knows that Light can only come into this present darkness through Him. In our day the devil is destroying America by destroying the family. As God is moved to second, third, fourth, and eventually *last place* our families are disintegrating. **Family is important to God.** The devil wants to disrupt our families. He has done this from the beginning. The devil *came into the Garden of Eden* and drove a wedge of lies between the creature and His Creator. He deceived the woman first, then, using her, led the entire family of man into a fallen state. What is the solution to the ills of America?

The family focused on Christ. The family standing at the foot of the Cross, seeking God's answers to our problems. The family united under the Blood of Calvary, obedient to the Master's direction. Neither Mary nor John debated Jesus as He spoke this third word from the Cross. We read:

**FOCAL** John 19:27 ... **And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.**

No debate. No questioning. Here is the Master's decree. God speaks Light into darkness. Accept it, believe it, and live it. If America is going to return from whence it has fallen then each member of each family must turn wholeheartedly and obediently to Jesus Christ. We must

not only *say* we are saved, we must *live* as the saved should live. **Mothers**, must **behold the Son**. Look at Jesus Christ, pinned to that Cross for you and for me. Believe that He died for you, just as He died for me. Believe that light is in no other, that salvation is in no other. Believe that

(Act 4:12) **Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

**Mothers**, I beg you second of all to **behold THY son, behold THY daughters**. Think of your children as you live your faith in Christ. If you who are mothers do not live for Jesus in your family life, if Christ and His words have no effect on your lives, then you cannot expect your children to live for Him either. I know you who are mothers love your children. Let them see you serving Jesus wholeheartedly.

Finally, I beg you who are **children** to heed the words of Christ. With His last breath He cared for His mother – do you not care for yours? Turn away from the darkness and the confusion of this present age and turn fully to Jesus. Give your lives to Him not just in word but in deed. The hands that held you as a baby, that bathed you, that loved you aches for your happiness. Your mother wants you to be in Heaven with her – but that will not be possible unless you give yourselves to Jesus. He alone is the:

**John 14:6 ... the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

May God touch your hearts with this Word.

**Woman, Behold The Son of God!**

If America is going to turn away and recover from whence its fallen, it can only do so *through obedient faith in Jesus Christ*.

Like Mary we all need to stand at the foot of the Cross of Calvary and see Jesus as the only Solution to our woes.

When Mary was chosen of God to bear the Christ she realized her importance – but approached that duty before her with humility. Mary said:

**Luke 1:46-47 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, (47) And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.**

Oh, how we need Godly mothers and fathers in America today! We need parents who, looking at the Bleeding Christ, will turn their lives over to Him. The Godly mother must be first and foremost *saved by faith in Jesus Christ*. The cry of Jesus to Mary was **Behold Thy Son!** Look first at Jesus Christ, believe on Him – then look to your own families.

The Bible says of us all:

**Romans 3:10-12 ... There is none righteous, no, not one: (11) There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. (12) They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.**

**None good, none righteous.** Mary the mother of our Lord was not righteous in herself. She, just like all of us, needed **God my Savior**.

Oh, that God would bring every woman - and every person - in this room today to a knowledge of their inherent sinful state. We are all – men and women – dead in trespasses and in sins. The Bible says to the Christian:

**Ephesians 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins.** <sup>HCSB</sup>

**You were dead in trespasses and in sins.** Each and every person in this room was weighed by God, tried in the balance and found wanting. If we were sinless then Mary would not have had to watch Jesus die on that Cross. If we were inherently good then Jesus would not have been brutalized as He was. Yet we are not

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inherently good.

Woman, look to THE Son! Look to Jesus!

Peace with God is only possible through the Son of God, through His death and dying, through His resurrection. On the Cross He became the Door by which we can come near to God. As the Scripture says:

**Ephesians 2:13-18 But now in Christ Jesus, you who were far away have been brought near by the blood of the Messiah. (14) For He is our peace, who made both groups one and tore down the dividing wall of hostility. In His flesh, (15) He did away with the law of the commandments in regulations, so that He might create in Himself one new man from the two, resulting in peace. (16) He did this so that He might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross and put the hostility to death by it. (17) When Christ came, He proclaimed the good news of peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. (18) For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.**

There is no goodness inherent in Mary and, though we respect and love every mother, *no goodness inherent in any mother*. The goodness is in God. The goodness is in

Christ Who died paying for our sins. Believe on Him, dearest Mother, and be saved. Believe on Him, for God has said:

**John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.**

But now that you have believed on Jesus,

**Woman, Behold Thy Sons and Daughters!**

You have believed on Jesus, have seen Him as the solution for sin. Mother, **behold thy Son**. Look to your families and tell them of Jesus. Let them see Jesus Christ in your lives.

In the midst of this postmodern age where *truth is relative to what I want* – you mother who belong to God, *stand up for Jesus*. Do not compromise the truth of the Word of God for the convenience of satisfying your families. Remember, the devil desires to destroy your families. **Behold thy Son**. The devil came to Eve and led the first mother in destroying her family. **Behold thy Son**. Consider your children.

**Illustrate Jochebed** The devil came after another mother named **Jochebed** using the Pharaoh as his tool (**Exodus 6:20**). Pharaoh decreed that all male children be destroyed among the children of Israel. Jochebed

considered her son and, not fearing for her own life or her own safety, built a little ark of slime and bulrushes (**Exodus 2:3**), and then floated that child down the River Nile. Listen mother – when you do as God asks you to do *He will always protect you and bless you*. God caused Pharaoh's daughter to find this child, and even caused Moses' mother to nurse that baby.

**Jochebed would lay Moses in an ark. Mary would lay Jesus in a manger. Both mothers would do the best that they could do for their children. Both mothers, Godly by faith, would raise their children up to the Glory of God. Oh, how we need Godly mothers who will consider THE Son, and consider THEIR sons. To ponder Christ, and to let Christ live through them.**

Though Jochebed wove the little ark that she lay Moses in, she did not put her trust in the works of her hands. She did the best she could with the resources that she had – then she surrendered Moses unto God.

Life will often throw trials at you, seeking to overwhelm you, to draw you away from the Lord. Mother and Grandmother, do not let life draw you from Christ. If you love your children (and I know you do) you will want what is best for them. **Keep on doing what God has told you to do**. I know many mothers who have wept over the foolishness of their children. Though their children were raised in the House of God these children and grandchildren have – now that they are older – drawn far away from their Savior. Yet the Scripture tells us:

**Galatians 6:9** And **let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.**

And again:

**1 Thessalonians 5:17** **Pray without ceasing.**

The devil will discourage you. He will whisper in your ear, “Give up – this child is mine!” Resist him, call him the liar that he is, and **keep on doing that which is right**. Keep living for Jesus. Keep praying for that child. The prodigal may be far off eating the husks of the pigsty because of sin. God does not ask that you trust the child, but *that you trust Him*. Pray for that child, lift him up to the Savior daily, even hourly. Ask that the Lord redeem that child, that the Lord bring that child to repentance. Remember the testimony of the early. **When Lydia was saved, so was her household (Acts 16:15). When Crispus was saved, so was his household (Acts 18:8). When the Philippian Jailer was saved (Acts 16:34), so was his whole household.** God loves to save whole families. Mothers, behold thy sons and daughters, and lead them to the foot of the Cross!

**Children, Behold Thy Mother!**

**FOCAL Read Responsively** **John 19:27** Then saith he to the disciple, **Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.**

We have spoken to the mothers – now let's speak to the rest of you. Were you raised by a Godly mother? Did your mother teach you your prayers? Did she love you, and tell you of Jesus? Have you strayed far from her side in your doctrine and in your lives in these last few years. **Behold thy mother!** Look to the example of a godly mother and a godly father. The Bible says:

**Ephesians 6:1-3** **Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. (2) Honor thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) (3) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.**

Behold your mother! If you have a Godly mother then listen to her, and follow her example. Mary had to watch her Son die on Calvary's tree, a fulfillment of the prophecy that Simeon made when the Baby Jesus was brought to the Temple some 30 years before:

**Luke 2:35 ... Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul...**

Mary felt the sword pierce her soul as she saw Jesus nailed to that cruel tree. Yet the loss she experienced had a greater purpose of **bringing many sons to glory (Hebrews 2:10)**. This mother's suffering was for a great end. It is not so with every child. Many children ignore the pleas of their mothers, ignore the early teachings,

ignore the prayers taught them in childhood. The child grows up and grows away from Christ and then, because poor life decisions are made, their lives are cut short. A sword pierces the mother's soul as she stands over the body of her child. Oh, that all in this building today would honor their mothers and fathers, obey them in the Lord, and receive to themselves long life.

If you were blessed with Godly mothers, then **behold your mother**. Care for her, heed her warnings. Trust the Lord as she has taught you, and receive unto yourselves the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior.

Mary watched the departing of her Son on Calvary, and watched Jesus surrender Himself to the hand of God. In due season we shall all surrender our physical lives into the hands of Almighty God. For the Christian – the person who has surrendered their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ – the end of physical life is not the end of all things. The Christian knows that Jesus Christ took death on Himself so that we need never die. We Who are His are in His hands. His Blood paid for our sins. His resurrection stands as proof that there is life after death. The Son of God has life in Himself:

**John 5:24-25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. (25) Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall**

**hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.**

Have you heard the Voice of God? Have you heard the Gospel in this message? Then repent. Turn from your way of life, and turn unto the Savior. Believe that He gave Himself for you. Take Him to your hearts. Trust Him, and give your lives unto Him. And He shall give you rest.

May God touch your hearts with this Word.