

Mary of Nazareth

Lineage: Line splits from King David

Matt. 1: 1-17: David to Solomon

Royal line

Vs. 7 "David was the father of Solomon..."

Luke 3: 23-38 David to Nathan

"being the son (as it was thought of) of Joseph, son of Heli"

Vs. 31 "son of Nathan, son of David"

Kiddushin: written contract between groom and bride's family

Sets up terms of the marriage

Lasts one year and then the marriage ceremony takes place

Can only be dissolved by a legal divorce

Couple lives separately

Gospel accounts of verbal interaction between Mary and Jesus

- 1) Luke 2: 21-39 Jesus is named and presented in the Temple
Simeon and Anna (vs. 34=35 "a sword will pierce your own soul too")
- 2) Luke 2: 41-52 Jesus teaching in the Temple
- 3) Mark 3: 31-35 Mary comes to look for Jesus, "Who is my mother?"
- 4) Matt. 12: 46-50
- 4) Mark 6: 1-6 rejection of Jesus at Nazareth
- 5) Luke 4: 16-37 another account of Jesus in Nazareth at which Mary is not mentioned
- 6) John 2: 1-12 the wedding at Cana
- 7) John 19: 25-27 Jesus gives Mary into John's keeping

Women of the Bible and their life lessons

4 women listed in Matthew's geneology of Jesus. Each has a story and each has "past"

Tamar (mother of Perez and Zerah,) Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba

None are respectable but all are essential to God's plan

- 1) Sarah and Hagar: mother of Judeo-Christian tradition through Isaac
Mother of Islamic tradition through Ishmael
- 2) Jephthah's daughter: circumstances beyond her control
Challenge injustice or accept with courage and dignity
- 3) Lot's wife/daughters: Following God into the unfamiliar
- 4) Tamar (1): unable to change from being a victim
- 5) Tamar (2): mother to Perez and Zerah
2 wrongs will not result in right
- 6) Elizabeth: prayer for the impossible
- 7) Mary Magdalene: "Apostle to the Apostles"
- 8) Jehosheba: action without thought for self