

The angel Gabriel announced that Mary would become pregnant, and give birth to a Son, whom she would name Jesus. You can read this in the Bible, in Luke chapter 1, verses 30-33 (Luke 1:30-33). Mary was surprised, because she was a virgin. So she asked the angel how this was possible. Verse 34: "Then Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I do not know a man?' " That's a polite way of saying that she did not have an intimate relation with a man.

In verses 35-37 the angel explained to her how this miracle would happen: "And the angel answered and said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible.' " And so Mary, being a virgin, became pregnant and gave birth to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. But something else happened, which is recorded in the Bible verses below (**Your priest will not show you this**):

"Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her (intimately) **till** she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus" (The Bible, Matthew 1:24-25). The important word is "**till**" (**until**), meaning that Joseph and Mary **did** have intimate relations **after** Jesus was born.

At this point Catholics get confused, because their priest tells them one thing, but the Bible tells them something completely different. So the question here is, if the Bible says something different than what your priest says, which are you going to believe—the inspired word of God (the Bible), or your priest? Your priest will tell you that Mary is a virgin **forever**, but the Bible makes it clear that Mary was a virgin when she gave birth to Jesus Christ, but afterward, she had intimate relations with her husband, Joseph. At this point, she was no longer a virgin.

Furthermore, The Bible makes it clear in **at least eight Bible passages** that Jesus had brothers and sisters, proving once again, that Mary is **not** an eternal virgin. Please read the eight Bible verses below (You can check your own Bible later):

- "After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him. Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. **His brothers** therefore said to Him, 'Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that

You are doing. For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.' For even **His brothers** did not believe in Him. Then Jesus said to them, 'My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come.' When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee. But when **His brothers** had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret."—John 7:1-10

- "While He [Jesus] was still talking to the multitudes, behold, **His mother and brothers** stood outside, seeking to speak with Him." — Matthew 12:46
- "When He [Jesus] had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, 'Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works? Is this not the carpenter's son? **Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? And His sisters, are they not all with us?**' " —Matthew 13:54-56
- "And a multitude was sitting around Him [Jesus]; and they said to Him, 'Look, **Your mother and Your brothers** are outside seeking You.' " —Mark 3:32
- " 'Is this [Jesus] not the carpenter, **the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?**' So they were offended at Him"—Mark 6:3
- "Then His [Jesus'] **mother and brothers** came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd." —Luke 8:19
- "After this He [Jesus] went down to Capernaum, He, **His mother, His brothers**, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days." —John 2:12
- "Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, **the brothers of the Lord**, and Cephas?" —1 Corinthians 9:5

As you can see, Mary is **not** an eternal virgin. Catholic churches have been lying to their members. And there are many other things they lie about. They also focus on Mary, while the main focus of the Bible is on **the Lord Jesus Christ—not Mary**, who quickly fades into the background.

An independent Evangelical Baptist pastor in Alexandria, Virginia, confronted Catholic priests because they say that Mary is an eternal virgin. When he showed them from the Bible that Jesus had brothers and sisters, they said: "Yes, we know that is what the Bible says, but we don't believe it."

Also, a former Catholic friend of mine who lives in Springfield, Virginia, asked a nun in the Catholic church why their churches don't have Bibles for the congregation to read. She answered, "Because the Bible is full of lies. Only the Catholic church knows what is true."

Those who run the Catholic church do not believe the Bible is the inspired word of God. They just pretend that they believe the Bible so that people will think they are Christian. The reason why those who run the Catholic church don't encourage their members to read the Bible is because they know that if they read it, they will see that Catholicism contradicts the Bible.

Listen, dear reader. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for your sins to save you from hell. He is the only one who can forgive your sins—not Mary or a priest. "For there is one God and **one Mediator** between God and men, the Man **Christ Jesus [not Mary]**..." (The Bible, 1 Timothy 2:5)

WHAT THE BIBLE



SAYS ABOUT MARY

Receive God's free gift of eternal life **right now**—before it's too late. To have your sins forgiven instantly, and to receive God's free gift of eternal life in heaven, here is **all** that you must do:

- Believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay the punishment for your sins.
- Believe that He rose from the dead (came alive again).
- Be willing to turn from **all** your sins and put God first.
- Call on the name of the Lord by sincerely praying this suggested prayer:

"Dear God, I now turn from all my sinful desires and make Jesus Christ my Lord forever. Please forgive my sins because of what Jesus did for me on the cross. Thank You for giving me Your free gift of eternal life in heaven right now. Please help me to please You. I pray in Jesus' name."

Now talk to God and read the Bible every day—and obey it.

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