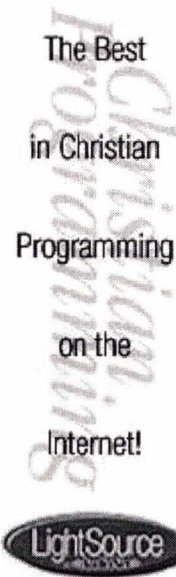




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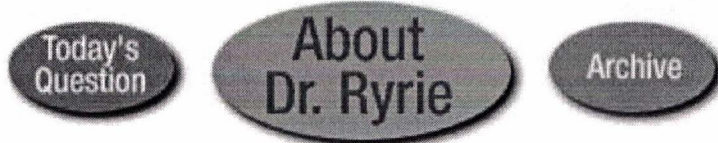


Friday, January 16, 1998

Subject: Was Mary really the mother of Jesus?

Dear Dr. Ryrie: My parents tell me that Jesus had a mother named Mary, but in the Bible, Jesus never said that Mary was his mother. Which one should I believe? --Jerome J.

Dear Jerome: You are accurate in saying we have no recorded saying in which Jesus called Mary His mother, but remember that there were many things Jesus did that are not recorded (John 21:25). Also, we do have other places in which it is clearly said that Mary was His mother. Matthew 1:16 says that Jesus was born of Mary. That makes Mary His mother. The shepherds saw Jesus with Mary, His mother (Matt. 2:11). The people in His home town recognized Mary as His mother (Matt. 13:55). At the wedding in Cana, Mary was acknowledged as His mother (John 2:1). On the cross when Jesus saw His mother, He committed her to John's care (John 19:25-27). The disciples who gathered in the upper room before the day of Pentecost recognized Mary as the mother of Jesus (Acts 1:14). If Mary were not Jesus' mother, then you would have to conclude that all of these verses are teaching something that is false. To answer your question directly, believe your parents, because they are telling you accurately what the Bible teaches about Mary being Jesus' mother.



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