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Christmas Through The Eyes Of...

Mary

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Text: Luke 1:26-38 (p. 1012)

Mary was an _____ candidate to be used by God.

Mary was in many ways an _____. She wasn't from a family of means or influence. She wasn't from an important city nor had she done things in school or career that would make her a great candidate who had earned the right to be the mother of the Messiah.

Many thoughts held about Mary are based solely on _____ and not on what the Bible reveals.

Some traditions teach that Mary, like Jesus, was untouched by original sin. The implication in this was that she herself didn't need a Savior – she didn't need _____. (*Rm. 3:23-24*)

Some traditions teach that Mary was a perpetual virgin – she never had marital sexual relations with Joseph. (*Mt. 1:24-25; 13:54-57*)

Since some traditions also teach she was taken bodily into heaven (meaning she didn't die) and was crowned Queen of Heaven and her role is to intercede, many people _____ to Mary to have her pray for them.

Now, the men and women of faith make up the _____
_____ spoken of by the writer of Hebrews, and I believe they are all praying to us. But we don't pray to them. (*Hb. 4:14-16*)



Jesus _____ is our high priest; Jesus alone sits at the right hand of God and _____ for us; Jesus alone (and not with Mary) is our redeemer and Savior.

Because of the prominence of these traditions, others of us can often _____ and not see what we need to see in her journey. God had her story included for a reason.

Mary was used by God because she walked in

_____.

Mary was used by God because she was

_____.

“God will never give me more than I can handle.”

Mary knew something we need to grab hold of. The battles of life and the things God calls me to be a part of aren't about _____. They aren't about what I can handle. It is all about _____.
Nothing is impossible with God.

God's _____ is always sufficient to enable me to do what He calls me to do (most of which I cannot do) and to persevere in what He allows in my life (most of which I cannot handle).

God regularly calls us to be a part of things where we must _____ on Him.

God still _____ people like Mary.

All we need is a little faith – a willingness to say _____ to what God leads and He doesn't tell us how it will all work out – a _____ that God's provision will always match God's callings.

