

THE GOOD NEWS IN THE ROSARY

Meditation on the rosary mysteries using verses from the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, the Acts of the Apostles, and the Book of Revelation helps obtain abundant grace from this devotion.



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OF FATIMA

The Rosary Mysteries as a Summary of the Gospels

How is the rosary prayed? As is usual with traditional Catholic prayers, it begins and ends with the sign of the cross, a proclamation of our belief in the Holy Trinity while signaling our faith in Christ's saving act of redemptive suffering. This is followed by an ancient formula declaring our major Christian beliefs, known as the Apostle's Creed, that also summarizes the rosary mysteries. Then, the rosary's three component prayers (Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, and a Glory Be) prepare for meditations on the rosary mysteries with petitions for increases in faith, hope, and love. Usually prayed as 1 set of 5 mysteries at a time, the full rosary is a series of 20 mysteries. After each mystery is announced, it begins with the Lord's prayer (Our Father), followed by a decade (10 Hail Marys), and ends with a Doxology to the Trinity (Glory Be). A prayer to Jesus for mercy taught by Our Lady at Fatima is added after each mystery at her request. The rosary ends with the Hail Holy Queen prayer imploring Mary's help in her role in God's plan of salvation.

Though these prayers provide the structure of the rosary, they are not its totality. The heart of the rosary lies in meditating on each mystery, with the 4 sets of 5 mysteries designated as Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious. Prayerful consideration of the events described in each mystery increases our appreciation of the love of Jesus Christ for us. These can be reflected upon from the perspective of his most intimate and loving disciple, his Blessed Mother. Learning about Jesus from the heart of his mother teaches us how we can apply an understanding of his birth, life, death, and resurrection to our own lives and struggles. To help make meditations on these mysteries most fruitful, contemplating the words of Holy Scripture enables use to visualize the events and appreciate the truths contained in the words and actions as they were recorded for our instruction.

Each mystery occurs in a larger context. The gospels provide the important information that leads to and/or follows after the event portrayed by the name of the mystery. Considering the preliminary and subsequent events help form a greater appreciation of the depth in each occurrence. Some mysteries are very briefly described in the gospels and need to be understood together with related material to develop a more complete perspective. Thus, praying the rosary while using the associated Scripture as the basis for our meditations offers profound insights into their meaning and importance for our lives. The gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John offer different accounts of many of the same historical events. Therefore, the combined use of these sources of “good news” gives a more thorough description of the work of God through Jesus and in Mary and its implications in our own lives.

The final 4 Glorious mysteries of the rosary are not found in these 4 gospels. Though the ascension of Jesus is briefly mentioned in the gospels of Mark and Luke, it is more fully described, along with the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, in the Acts of the Apostles written by Luke. This book is sometimes called the gospel of the Holy Spirit. The assumption and coronation of Mary are also not included in the gospel narratives, nor are they recorded in the Acts. However, one key to Scriptural meditation on these mysteries is remembering Christ’s words on the cross to “the disciple whom he loved,” recognized in that instance as the apostle and gospel author John. [However, all Christians should consider themselves as disciples whom Jesus loves and relate to the descriptions of that disciple in John’s gospel: closeness with Jesus during the Lord’s supper (13:23) and at his cross (19:26), believing the evidence of his empty tomb (20:2,8), recognizing Jesus in a stranger (21:7), following Peter and Jesus (21:20), and testifying to Jesus (21:24).] When Jesus said to this beloved disciple (as to

us, his beloved), “Behold your mother,” it says “from that hour the disciple took her into his home.”

Knowledge of John’s relationship to the Blessed Mother allows us to recognize that she was present behind the scenes in Jerusalem as his involvement is described in the Acts of the Apostles. Her assumption is said to have occurred prior to the martyrdom of his brother James (Acts 12:2), during the time John and Our Lady lived near Ephesus. Descriptions by John in the book of Revelation symbolically refer to Our Lady’s maternal role on earth and her glory in the heavenly kingdom. This book may be considered the gospel of the final age, describing the trials, martyrdom and glory of faithful Christians. Mary’s part in the salvific drama coincides with that of the heavenly angels and her spiritual children on earth as explicitly described. Michael and his angels cast down Satan with his minions, who attempts to destroy the influence of the mother of Christ and her children who remain faithful to God’s commands and their witness to Jesus. As the Word of God triumphs, Satan is bound, and Christ reigns on earth with the faithful. The preparation for Christ’s second coming and God’s kingdom is faithfulness to God’s saving Word, a grace accessible through praying the holy rosary.

Mary is the mother of the Church. Her role in salvation history did not end 2000 years ago; she continues speaking with a prophetic voice to this day. The rosary was a central feature in the messages to the 3 shepherd children in 1917 from Our Lady of Fatima. The Blessed Mother requested in each of the 6 monthly appearances that the rosary be prayed daily for peace. Our Lady also asked that sacrifices be offered for the love of Jesus, the conversion of sinners, and in reparation to her Immaculate Heart. She later asked those who pray the rosary to “keep me company” with additional monthly meditation on the mysteries. One good way to meditate on each mystery while praying the rosary is to recall a gospel passage before each Hail Mary. End each decade with the prayer that Our Lady at Fatima requested be added: “Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy.” Prayed this way, the rosary will help bring into our lives God’s graces, mercy and peace through the love of Our Lord and Redeemer Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit and by the prayers of His and our Blessed Mother Mary.

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ROSARY PRAYERS

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Our Father:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Hail Mary:

Hail Mary, full of grace! the Lord is with thee; blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory be to the Father:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer to Jesus Requested By Our Lady:

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

Hail Holy Queen:

Hail! Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, O most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement! O loving! O sweet Virgin Mary!
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Prayer After The Rosary:

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that, meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

I. THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE INCARNATION

- Luke 1:26 1) The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph.
- 1:27 2) The virgin's name was Mary.
- 1:28 3) Coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."
- 1:29 4) She was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.
- 1:30-1 5) The angel said to her, ... "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus."
- 1:32-3 6) "The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, ... and of his kingdom there will be no end."
- 1:34 7) Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"
- 1:35 8) The angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you. ... Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."
- 1:36-7 9) "Behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, ... for nothing will be impossible for God."
- 1:38 10) Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

II. THE VISITATION OF MARY TO ELIZABETH

- Luke 1:39-40 1) Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.
- 1:41-2 2) Elizabeth, filled with Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice, ... "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."
- 1:43 3) "How does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"
- 1:44 4) "For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy."
- 1:45 5) "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."
- 1:46-7 6) Mary said, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."
- 1:48 7) "For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed."
- 1:49 8) "The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name."
- 1:50 9) "His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him."
- 1:54-5 10) "He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

III. THE NATIVITY OF JESUS

- Luke 2:4-5 1) Joseph went up ... to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, ... to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.
- 2:6-7 2) While they were there, ... she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger.
- 2:8-9 3) There were shepherds ... keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone.
- 2:10 4) The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."
- 2:11 5) "For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord."
- 2:13-4 6) The heavenly host with the angel [were] praising God. ... "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."
- 2:16 7) So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.
- 2:18 8) All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.
- Matt. 2:1-2 9) Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising."
- 2:11 10) They saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves ... and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

IV. THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE

- Luke 2:22 1) When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.
- 2:25-8 2) [Simeon] was righteous and devout. ... He came in the Spirit into the temple; ... he took him into his arms and blessed God.
- 2:29 3) "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word."
- 2:30-1 4) "For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples."
- 2:32 5) "A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."
- 2:33 6) The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him.
- 2:34 7) Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel."
- 2:34-5 8) "[He will] be a sign that will be contadicted, and you yourself a sword will pierce, so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."
- 2:36-8 9) There was also a prophetess, Anna. She gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting Jerusalem's redemption.
- 2:39 10) When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

V. THE FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

- Luke 2:41-2 1) Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom.
- 2:43 2) After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jeruslaem, but his parents did not know it.
- 2:44 3) Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances.
- 2:45-6 4) Not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple.
- 2:46 5) [Jesus was] sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.
- 2:47-8 6) All who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished.
- 2:48 7) His mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety."
- 2:49 8) He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"
- 2:50-1 9) They did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.
- 2:51-2 10) His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

I. THE BAPTISM OF JESUS IN THE JORDAN

- John 1:6-7 1) A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.
- Mark 1:9 2) It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John.
- Matt. 3:14 3) John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?"
- 3:15 4) Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it for now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him.
- 3:16 5) After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened.
- 3:16 6) He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.
- 3:17 7) A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
- John 1:29 8) He saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."
- 1:30 9) "He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' "
- 1:34 10) "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

II. THE MANIFESTATION AT THE WEDDING AT CANA

- John 2:1-2 1) There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.
- 2:3 2) When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."
- 2:4 3) Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come."
- 2:5 4) His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."
- 2:6-7 5) Now there were six stone water jars. ... Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim.
- 2:8 6) Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it.
- 2:9 7) When the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from, ... the headwaiter called the bridegroom.
- 2:10 8) "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now."
- 2:11 9) Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.
- 2:12 10) After this, he and his mother, brothers, and his disciples went down to Capernaum.

III. THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM

- Mark 1:14-5 1) Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe."
- John 3:5 2) "I solemnly assure you, no one can enter into God's kingdom without being begotten of water and Spirit."
- Luke 12:32 3) "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom."
- 13:29 4) "People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God."
- 17:20-1 5) "The kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce, ... 'There it is.' For behold, the kingdom of God is among you."
- Matt. 5:3 6) "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
- 5:10 7) "Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
- 7:21 8) "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven."
- 10:7-8 9) "Make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons."
- 16:18-9 10) "I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church. ... I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."

IV. THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

- Luke 9:28-9 1) Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance.
- Matt. 17:2 2) He was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.
- Luke 9:30-1 3) Moses and Elijah ... appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.
- 9:32 4) Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the 2 men standing with him.
- 9:33 5) Peter said to Jesus, "Master it is good that we are here; let us make 3 tents, 1 for you, 1 for Moses, and 1 for Elijah."
- Matt. 17:5 6) While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them.
- 17:5 7) From the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."
- 17:6 8) When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid.
- 17:7-8 9) Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.
- Mark 9:9 10) He charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

V. THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

- Luke 22:14-5 1) He took his place at table with the apostles. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."
- 22:19 2) He took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, ... "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me."
- Matt. 26:27 3) Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."
- 26:28 4) "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins."
- Luke 22:27-30 5) "I am among you as the one who serves. ... I confer a kingdom on you, ... that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom."
- John 14:6-7 6) "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father."
- 14:26-7 7) "The Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you."
- 15:5 8) "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."
- 15:12-3 9) "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."
- 17:1,20-1 10) "Father, ... I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one ... in us."

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

I. THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

- Mark 14:32-3 1) They came to a place named Gethsemane. ... He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed.
- 14:34 2) Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch."
- 14:35 3) He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass by him.
- 14:36 4) He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will."
- 14:37 5) When he returned he found them asleep. He said, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for 1 hour?"
- 14:38 6) "Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak."
- Luke 22:43 7) He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground.
- Mark 14:41-2 8) "The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand."
- Luke 22:47-8 9) A crowd approached and in front was one of the 12. ... Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"
- Matt. 26:56-7 10) Then all the disciples left him and fled. Those who arrested Jesus led him away.

II. THE SCOURGING OF JESUS

- Matt. 27:2,12 1) They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ... When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer.
- John 18:33 2) Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"
- 18:37-8 3) Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth."
- Luke 23:7,11 4) He sent him to Herod. ... Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him, and ... he sent him back to Pilate.
- 23:16-8 5) "I shall have him flogged and then release him." But all together they shouted out, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us."
- 23:21 6) They continued their shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"
- 23:22 7) Pilate addressed them a third time, "What evil has this man done? ... I shall have him flogged and then release him."
- John 18:39 8) "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"
- 18:40 9) They cried out again, "Not this one but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a revolutionary.
- 19:1 10) Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged.

III. THE CROWNING WITH THORNS

- Matt. 27:27 1) The soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him.
- 27:28 2) They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him.
- 27:29 3) Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand.
- 27:29-30 4) Kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking his head.
- 27:31 5) And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off.
- John 19:4-5 6) Once more Pilate went out and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you." ... So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns.
- 19:5-6 7) [Pilate] said to them, "Behold, the man!" When the chief priest and the guards saw him they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!"
- 19:15 8) Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."
- Matt. 27:24 9) [Pilate] took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves."
- Luke 23:25 10) So he released the man who had been imprisoned for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Jesus over to them.

IV. THE CARRYING OF HIS CROSS

- John 19:16-7 1) So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha.
- Luke 23:26 2) As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country.
- 23:26 3) After laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus.
- 23:27 4) A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him.
- 23:28 5) Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children."
- 23:29 6) "For indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' "
- 23:30-1 7) "At that time people will say ... to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?"
- 23:32-3 8) Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed. ... They came to the place called the Skull.
- Matt. 27:34 9) They gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink.
- John 19:23-4 10) They took his clothes and divided them. ... The tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. ... So they said, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it."

V. THE CRUCIFIXION AND DEATH OF JESUS

- Matt. 27:35-6,41 1) After they had crucified him, ... they sat down and kept watch over him. ... The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him.
- Luke 23:34-5 2) Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." ... The rulers sneered at him and said, "He saved others, let him save himself."
- 23:39-40 3) One of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus. ... The other ... said in reply, "Have you no fear of God?"
- 23:42-3 4) Then he said, "Jesus, remember me." ... He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
- John 19:26 5) When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son."
- 19:27 6) Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.
- Mark 15:34 7) At 3 o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, ... "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- John 19:28-30 8) Jesus said, "I thirst." ... They put a sponge soaked in wine ... up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished."
- Luke 23:46-7 9) Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." When he had said this he breathed his last.
- John 19:33-4 10) They came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead; ... one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

I. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

- Matt. 28:2 1) An angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it.
- 28:5-6 2) The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised."
- John 20:1-2 3) Mary of Magdala ... ran and went to Simon Peter, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."
- 20:3,11,16 4) Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. ... Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. ... Jesus said to her, "Mary!"
- 20:17-8 5) "Go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary of Magdala went.
- Mark 16:11-2 6) When they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After this he appeared in another form to two of them.
- Luke 24:30-1 7) While he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that ... they recognized him, but he vanished.
- 24:36,40,48 8) He stood in their midst and said, ... "Peace be with you." ... He showed them his hands and his feet. ... "You are witnesses of these things."
- John 20:22-3 9) He breathed on them and said, ... "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."
- 20:27 10) He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

II. THE ASCENSION OF JESUS TO HEAVEN

- Matt. 28:18-9 1) Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations."
28:19-20 2) "Baptize, ... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."
- John 21:1,15 3) Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples. ... Jesus said to Simon Peter, ... "Do you love me? ... Feed my lambs. ... Follow me."
- Acts 1:3 4) He presented himself alive by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during 40 days and speaking about the kingdom of God.
1:6-7 5) They asked, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom of Israel?" Jesus answered, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons."
1:8 6) "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and ... be my witnesses in ... Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
1:9 7) When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.
1:10-1 8) Suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?"
1:11 9) "This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."
- Mark 16:19 10) The Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

III. THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Acts 1:14 1) All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.
2:1 2) When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together.
2:2 3) Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were.
2:3 4) Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each of them.
2:4 5) They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.
2:14,22 6) Peter stood up ... and proclaimed, ... "Jesus the Nazorean was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs."
2:23 7) "This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him."
2:32-3 8) "God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father."
2:36 9) "Therefore let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."
2: 38 10) Peter said, ... "Repent and be baptized ... in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and ... receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

IV. THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN

- Acts 2:42 1) They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles, and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers.
- 2:43-4 2) Many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common.
- 4:19-20,31 3) Peter and John said, ... "It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard." ... All were filled with the Holy Spirit.
- 5:42 4) All day long, both at temple and in their homes, they did not stop teaching and proclaiming the Messiah, Jesus.
- 8:14-5 5) The apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God; they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them.
- Rev. 1:5,18 6) Jesus Christ, ... the firstborn of the dead: ... "I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever."
- 2:1,4-5 7) "To ... Ephesus write: ... 'You have lost the love you had at first. Realize how far you have fallen. Repent, and do the works you did.' "
- 2:7; 3:21 8) " 'To the victor I will give the right to eat from the tree of life. ... I will give the victor the right to sit with me on my throne.' "
- 11:16-8 9) The 24 elders ... said: ... "The time has come for the dead to be judged, and to recompense your servants, the prophets, the holy ones."
- 11:19 10) God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.

V. THE CORONATION OF MARY

- Rev. 12:1 1) A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.
- 12:5 2) She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne.
- 12:7,9 3) In heaven Michael and his angels battled against the dragon. ... It was thrown down to the earth, and its angels were thrown down with it.
- 12:13-4 4) The woman was given the two wings of the great eagle, so that she could fly to her place in the desert.
- 12:15-6 5) The serpent spewed a torrent of water out of his mouth after the woman. ... The earth helped the woman ... and swallowed the flood.
- 12:17 6) The dragon became angry with the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring, those who ... bear witness to Jesus.
- 19:13,16 7) The Word of God. ... has a name written on his cloak and on his thigh, 'King of kings and Lord of lords'.
- 20:1-3 8) An angel came down from heaven, holding ... a heavy chain. He seized the dragon ... and threw it into the abyss, which he locked over it.
- 20:4,6 9) I saw thrones; those who sat on them were entrusted with judgment. ... Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection.
- 22:16,20 10) "I, Jesus, sent my angel. ... I am the root and offspring of David. ... Yes, I am coming soon." Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!